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Plagiarism discovered in *Winged Lion*

By ERIC GRUBER
Associate Editor

In 1998, the *Winged Lion* was awarded the National Pacemaker award by the Associated Collegiate Press. But due to a recent discovery with the 1999 edition, it will not be submitted for entry in the literature category because of its content.

The *Winged Lion*, a collection of writings and artwork published by Missouri Southern's English department, includes a selection that was plagiarized by a former Southern student. Jay Kocks graduated from Southern in 1998 with an Associate of Science degree in computer aided drafting and design. His *Winged Lion* submission, *My Surmise*, is actually an excerpt from the second and third chapters of the award-winning novel *Ishmael* written by Daniel Quinn. The novel was published in 1992 by Bantam/Turner Publishing and is a winner of the Turner Tomorrow Fellowship. The Touchstone movie *Instinct*, which was released this summer, was based on the novel.

Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English and literary adviser for the *Winged Lion*, commented on how this discovery would inhibit the publication from competing this year.

"Certainly I wouldn't want a piece that has something plagiarized in it to be up for any award," she said. "That would be inappropriate. I would say last year's magazine is no longer in the running for any literary award. Now, it still could be up for graphic design and those kind of things, but not for the quality of the literature."

Ishmael

An excerpt from *Ishmael*, written by Daniel Quinn and published by Bantam/Turner Publishing, 1992.



I fell back, startled. Then, recognizing what I'd seen, I fell back again, now a little frightened. The creature on the other side of the glass was a full-grown gorilla.

Full-grown says nothing, of course. He was terrifyingly enormous, a boulder, a sarsen of Stonehenge. His sheer mass was alarming in itself, even though he wasn't using it in any menacing way. On the contrary, he was half-sitting, half-reclining most placidly, nibbling delicately on a slender branch he carried in his left hand like a wand.

I did not know what to say. You will be able to judge how unnerved I was by this fact: that it seemed to me I should speak — excuse myself, explain my presence, justify my intrusion, beg the creature's pardon. I felt it was an affront to gaze into his eyes, but I was paralyzed, helpless. I could look at nothing else in the world but his face, more hideous than any other in the animal kingdom because of its similarity to our own, yet in its way more noble than any Greek ideal of perfection.

Kocks is currently a senior at the University of Kansas and is majoring in architecture. Kocks denied any acknowledgment of the plagiarism and the evident similarities between his *Winged Lion* submission and the novel *Ishmael*.

"I've never heard of that book," he said.

"It was kind of inspired by an article I

read, I think, my senior year in high school. Cause I wrote that, I think, as a paper in high school."

Kocks said that while attending KU he runs cross country and isn't involved with extracurricular writing.

"I just run and go to class pretty much," he said.

Dr. Dale Simpson, head of the

My Surmise

A submission by Jay Kocks that was published in the *Winged Lion*, Spring 1999.



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English department, said the plagiarized submission had not been brought to his attention. Even though it has been discovered, he commented on how easily students can plagiarize and then appear to be in the clear.

"I'm not surprised, though, when you know there's so much stuff out there

TURN TO *WINGED LION*, PAGE 8

College asks for big bucks to upgrade

By JEFF WELLS
Executive Editor

Missouri Southern has requested \$34,341,773 from the state for operating expenses and capital improvements for the 2001 fiscal year.

Southern administrators sent the budget proposal to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) at the end of August. Soon the College will forward copies to the Governor's office and to the legislature.

The 2001 fiscal year will begin July 1, 2000. Southern requested \$25,384,047 for operating expenses.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said the figure was based on a budget core of \$20,901,773. The budget core is based on the previous year's operating budget.

He said five factors contributed to the increase over the core. Five percent, or \$1,784,027, was for policy factors such as inflation and equipment needs.

"You take essentially 2-3 percent for inflation and add a little bit of a growth factor and also you account for things that might be a little bit behind," said Dr. Julio Leon, College president.

The College requested \$1,066,646 for information technology. Southern plans to improve the campus fiber optic network and faculty microcomputers.

Expanding the abilities of KKMS and upgrading

TURN TO *INCREASE*, PAGE 8

System utilizes internet for resumes

Career Services launches new job search program

By JEFF BILLINGTON
Editor-In-Chief

Technology continues to move forward at Missouri Southern with a new interactive twist on resumes. Sept. 1 marked the launching of the Southern Job Network.

Jennifer Yazell, director of career services, said this new addition to the Office of Career Services will be helpful to students and alumni alike.

"It's an exciting program for us because we know that this type of technology will allow us to serve our students and alumni faster and better," she said. "It really gives a lot of control back to [them]."

Yazell said this new program will give users the ability to check on the progress of their resumes.

"For instance, if you put a resume into the Southern Job Network and you wake up at 2:30 in the morning and you're concerned about your job prospects, you can log in and check," she said. "It will show you all the places that we've referred it."

Yazell said this is also helpful if a person forgets to revise their resume so they can go check it anytime they have access to the Internet.

Logging onto the system requires a user to go to the site www.mssc.edu/career.

From there, they will click on the "door" icon. From there, users will enter their social security numbers and pin numbers and proceed to registration and compiling a resume.

Yazell said the office will not be accepting paper resumes any longer and anyone with a paper resume on their file will need to change over to the new system by Oct. 1.

However, she explained they have already started several individuals on the new program.

"We've already migrated probably 15 or 20 students," she said. "But we didn't send out letters to them until [August] 30th so we anticipate that by the end of September we will have at least 100 or more students in."

Yazell said this is the first advanced technology they have used to maintain resumes.

"So you really have to spend a lot of time educating your customers on what it is and how to use it," she said.

Tedi Riggs, sophomore accounting major, works in the Career Services Office and was a test for the new program.

"It took me 20 minutes to type in my resume," she said. "I makes it easier on them [students and alumni] because they only have to go to a computer, they don't have to come up to the College."

Paul Perry, senior computer information science major, set up his resume on the new service.

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JENNIFER YAZELL
Director of Career Services

"It's a good way to get connected, it's easy," he said. "Everything kind of has step-by-step instructions. It was real user-friendly. It will make it easier for people who don't know how to make a resume or don't have software to make a resume."

Yazell said not everyone has access to the online program.

"As long as you have 90 hours or already have a degree from Missouri Southern, it will let you in," Yazell said. "You can access this off-campus because it has its own Web site."

Employers like this kind of technology because they know they can get information on students that they want faster and easier," Yazell said. "It will take us considerably less time to prepare a resume or

TURN TO *LAUNCH*, PAGE 8

Joint efforts help send students abroad

By CASSIE HOMBS
Staff Writer

In compliance with its mission to give students international education opportunities, Missouri Southern has decided to take advantage of a program that will send even more students overseas.

Webster University, which has campuses throughout the world, has invited Missouri Southern to take part in its international education program, which will allow 20 students from Southern to study in Geneva, Switzerland, for one full semester.

Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of

the Institute of International Studies, said next spring will be the opportunity of a lifetime for some fortunate students.

"It's a tremendous bargain for MSSC students," Stebbins said. "They'll pay roughly the same amount they would here, but have the benefit of five months in one of the most interesting cities of the world."

The agreement between Webster University and

Missouri Southern has been in the works since last year. Southern's school of business played a large part in putting this together, although students interested in taking part don't necessarily need to be business majors. Classes will be offered in many disciplines.

Because Missouri Southern is the leading public institution in the state in terms of international education, and Webster University the leading private one, a partnership was easy to predict, Stebbins said.

Students will travel to Geneva in January and study for eight-week and 16-week sessions. Students will be housed in resi-

dence halls on the Webster University campus, along with students from other countries that are taking part in the same program.

Geneva, centrally located in Europe, is a cosmopolitan city, Stebbins said. It is home to 20 museums, 15 libraries, and the United Nations.

"You could take a weekend trip to pretty much anywhere in Europe," Stebbins said.

Students will receive credit from Southern for everything they take at Webster. Grants, which will cover about two-thirds of the total cost of the program, are available. That

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IN ASSORTED COLORS



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Zeta Tau Alpha members Kristi Gold, junior graphic arts major, and Heather McKinzie, sophomore pre-med major, make props for rush week.

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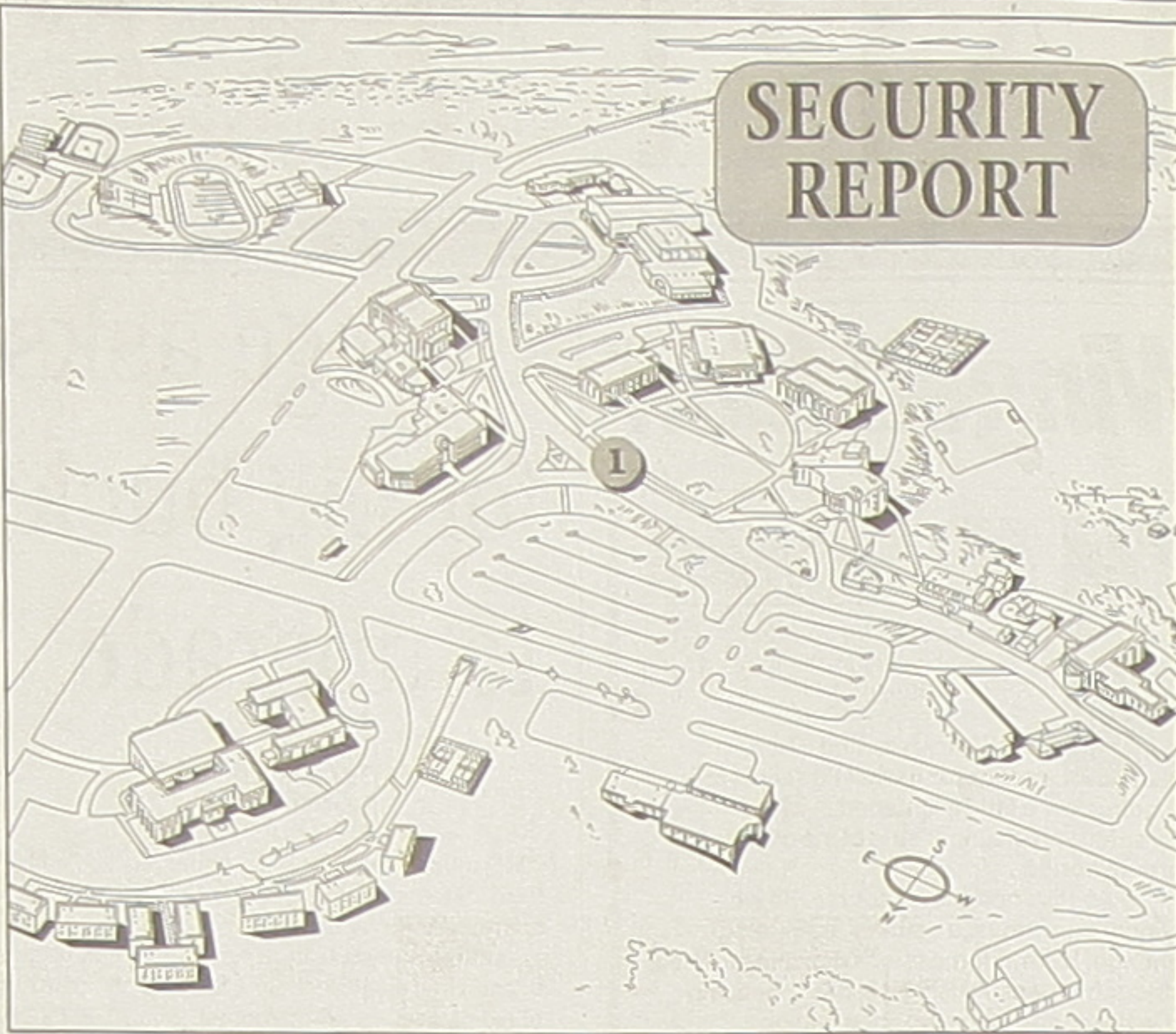
CLEAN AS A WHISTLE:

Sue Carr, who has spent the last 11 years keeping McCormick Hall tidy, cherishes the relationships she has been able to have with various students over the years.



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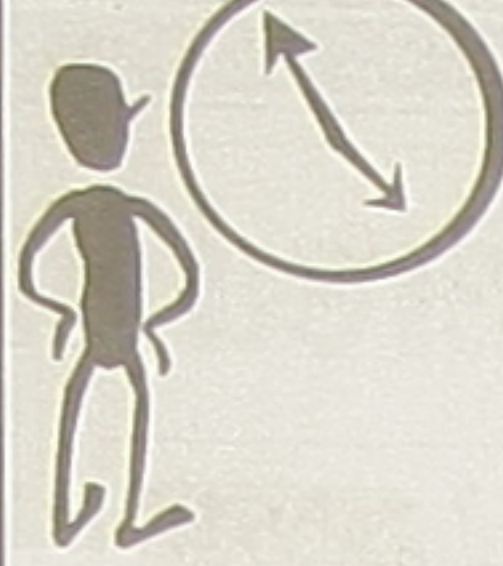
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Athletic center not over budget, just behind

By VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

Going over the spending budget for the building of the new Leggett and Platt Athletic Center may just be a false statement.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, believes Missouri Southern is not even close to going over the budget that has been given for the project.

Tiede says money is not a concern in this instance. He believes the delay has been more irritating than anything.

"Probably to me, it's been the late completion date," he said. "There has been confusion with that."

Tiede recalls the project was hoped to be

done sometime last May. However, the delay has led to a few changed orders which Tiede believes has made the facility look even better.

Some of the changed orders included adding brick. Tiede noted that the original design did not call for brick columns.

Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant, thinks things are running smoothly for the most part. He said the architect is coming Tuesday.

"The doors are on; the ceiling tile is up, and the floor tile has been laid," Beeler said. "There are still some thresholds and air conditioning connections that must be done."

Beeler also said most of the weight training area has now been completed and currently

an ice machine is being installed. The floor on the upstairs level is being coated with its first layer of synthetic flooring.

Beeler also pointed out that workers are measuring for the track, volleyball and basketball locations.

As of Wednesday, the general contractor has been doing much work outside the facility, laying out the curbs for the parking lot and driveway areas.

"The electricians have put the final touches to the phone and data connection," Beeler said. "We tested the emergency generator on Friday and it passed."

Both Tiede and Beeler believe this project is going to be well worth the money. However, Tiede says there has been no over-

budgeting concerning the project in the first place.

"Some confusion was a quote from a Branco representative in *The [Joplin] Globe* on changed orders," Tiede said. "All synthetic flooring, and wood flooring, and bleachers was bid as alternates. If you look at the base bid, it's lower than the actual budget. Maybe that's where some confusion was."

Tiede says staying within the budget has much to do with the architect.

"Historically, he has done a real good job," he said. "I give him a lot of credit."

Tiede and Beeler are anxious to have the project completed soon.

"I think it's a tremendous facility," Tiede said. □

Numerous construction sites litter campus

By JEFF WELLS
Executive Editor

Fiscal Year 2000 started July 1 for Missouri Southern. Several construction projects were already under way and several more on tap for the new year.

Bids are due in Sept. 16 for contractors wishing to lead the expansion and remodeling of Spiva Library.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, and Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant, said a pre-bid conference was well attended.

"We were very excited to see at least five prime contractors show," Beeler said.

Beeler hopes the enthusiasm will translate into low bids; however, he admitted the project would not be an easy one.

"It is going to be a very complicated project," he said. "Doing that much work to a building that has to stay occupied is a challenge."

The planning process has begun on the health science building.

"This current fiscal year we have been doing the planning," Tiede said. "What we would like to do is assume we will get the construction money next July."

Southern has hired a geotech service to come in and conduct core drilling to examine the depth of rock at the proposed construction site behind Hearn Hall.

"We have also enlisted a surveyor to come in and do topography," Beeler said.

"When we get the results back from the core drilling, we will know where the rock layers are and that will allow the next step."

He said plans are for the building to be four stories.

"Aesthetically, we are all excited [about the health center and library]," Beeler said.

Plans are for a tower in the corner of the library expansion to be echoed in the corner of the health science building.

"As you drive through there, you will drive between these two big towers," Beeler said. "We have a chance at something very aesthetically pleasing and a modern health facility."

The building will rival Matthews Hall for the distinction of being the second-largest building on campus. The new Leggett & Platt Athletic Center is the largest.

Construction is also progressing on the black box auditorium.

The contractor for the auditorium is Joplin Construction Design Management (JCDM). The project is the first JCDM has done for Southern. Tiede said construction has been on time and on budget. The target completion date is Sept. 15.

Beeler said the name of the new facility has not been



Employees of Joplin Construction Design Management work on the new black box auditorium on Sept. 8. The black box will be a replacement for the Barn Theatre, which was destroyed in a fire Nov. 22, 1990.

made public, but he did offer a clue.

"It is a name you have heard many times," he said.

Although it will be a state-of-the-art facility, Beeler said it will echo the past.

The theatre will feature a cupola that was rescued from the Barn Theatre, which burned down Nov. 22, 1990.

"We found it and we are going to restore it and make a marquee out of it," Beeler said.

The transportation building will be torn down and replaced with a modern structure on the site of the Barn Theatre. The

new building will also house central storage and receiving, the mail room, and the printing plant.

Beeler said the structure will roughly resemble a barn and the silo will remain.

Campus security is also getting a new home. They are moving out of the physical plant into a building near the silo.

"We would like to get them [security] in there by Christmas," Beeler said.

TURN TO CONSTRUCTION, PAGE 8

Odorous rodents thrive near campus

By JEFF WELLS
Executive Editor

Unpleasant odors wafting across the Missouri Southern campus may be emanating from somewhere other than *The Chart* office. Several students and faculty have recently had encounters with skunks.

Mary Adamson, admissions counselor, knows the fright of seeing one of the unwelcome visitors. Adamson was manning the Southern Ambassadors booth on the oval the first day of classes when a skunk emerged from the Stults Memorial Garden.

Adamson jumped away in fright. "I was practically standing on the sitting wall," she said.

The skunk did not immediately scurry away from the busy scene.

"He wandered around the oval, the library, and the front door of Reynolds Hall," she said.

She said it was not the first time she had seen skunks on campus.

Dr. John Messick, biology department head, said the occasional sighting of a skunk on campus is not unusual.

However, he said the presence of the striped rodents during the day-

time was a little disturbing.

"That would be unusual, especially this time of year," he said. "Rabies is not uncommon in skunks and a rabid animal will behave strangely."

Messick said the skunk that startled Adamson probably was not carrying the disease. But he did not suggest approaching the animals because of the possibility of rabies and the animal's notorious odorous spray.

"You want to leave skunks alone for a couple of reasons," he said.

Messick said skunks will not spray unless significantly provoked and will usually display warning behavior before they spray.

He said a skunk standing on its front legs with its tail in the air is trying to send a message.

Skunks are primarily nocturnal and eat insects.

"In their daily foraging, they cover an area much larger than campus," he said.

Messick said the area along Turkey Creek and the open field on the northeast corner of campus provide adequate denning sites for skunks.

TURN TO SKUNKS, PAGE 8

Class grant project becomes landscaping plan for parkway

By JEFF BILLINGTON
Editor-In-Chief

In the last few months a class project has lead to a \$30,000-plus landscaping development for Campbell Parkway.

Missouri Southern students Audra White and Jenny Routledge, senior sociology majors, turned a mock grant proposal for their senior level sociology course, *The Community*, into reality.

Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, said the two students were in a senior level sociology class called *The Community*, which is a writing intensive class. Gubera said for the last three years, the major project in the class is to develop a grant proposal for some aspect of the community.

He explained students can pick from a variation of topics when deciding what to propose a grant for.

"We just have to imagine what the need is and write a grant proposal as if funds were available," he said. "They wanted to do something a little different."

"Well, essentially it was supposed to be an individual project," said Routledge. "We wanted something that we could take to the city and we knew that would require a lot of work, and so we thought

it would be better if we worked in a team."

White said after they had decided it was worthwhile to submit the paper, they did the finishing work on the paper.

"We kind of revamped it and made it presentable for the city," White said. "So we went to Jerry Calvin [director of Joplin parks and recreation] and he liked what he saw and told us to go to the city council, so we took it to the city council."

Routledge said she was amazed by the reaction to their project.

"I was really surprised at how there was such a large acceptance of what we wanted to do," she said. "When I went to the city council, they were very excited about it."

The city council put together a portfolio for White and Routledge so they could keep track of new ideas and thoughts on the project.

"The city council was impressed with our work and what we had done for them," White said. "[The city council] said it was a great idea. We went and surveyed the citizens in the area and they also thought it was a good idea."

So the city decided just a couple weeks ago that they were going to pay the full amount for it," she said. "They are planing to break ground next spring."



AUDRA WHITE



JENNY ROUTLEDGE

TURN TO GRANT, PAGE 8

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Library Reading Room addition to honor faculty

A Reading Room and a Hall of Honor are in the works at Missouri Southern to honor faculty. Floyd Belk, former vice president of academic affairs, announced the College's intention to construct the hall during President Julio Leon's opening faculty address Monday, Aug. 23.

The room will be located on the second floor of the George A. Spiva Library, looking out on the campus oval. Belk, who retired in 1990, said he will donate \$50,000 toward the construction.

Leon praised Belk's concept for the faculty tribute, calling it an "excellent example of the vision that has driven this institution."

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said construction bids will open Sept. 16. Leon said construction should start in a year. □

Stanford professor to speak on sovereignty Thursday

The study of sovereignty and international relations in 20th century Europe is the topic of professor James Sheehan's presentation titled "Thinking About Sovereignty."

Sheehan, Dickason professor in humanities and professor of modern European history at Stanford University, is perhaps the preeminent authority on modern German history in America.

Sheehan said he will discuss sovereignty from its development on the eve of the First World War to the present.

Students, faculty, and staff will be invited to the lecture at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 in Webster Hall Room 105. □

'Scarlet Street' opens Tuesday in Matthews Hall

The International Film Festival begins with the opening of the *Scarlet Street* Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Matthews Hall auditorium.

The Missouri Arts Council (MAC) allocated \$1,000 to the cost of the 10-program series, leaving the Missouri Southern Film Festival to raise its portion of the expenses through the sale of season tickets, single admissions, and other funds. The Institute of International Studies also provided financial assistance.

Dr. Harrison Kash, director of the International Film Festival and retired assistant professor of chemistry, said the MAC's financial assistance will enable local organizations to offer the highest quality programs at a minimum cost to film patrons.

The film festival will run through April. All shows will be in Matthews Hall auditorium. □

One-day bus trip leaves Nov. 19 for Branson

A one-day bus trip to Branson to see shows, go shopping, eat, and enjoy a cruise takes place Friday, Nov. 19. The Friends of 88.7KXMS sponsor the event.

The tour bus leaves at noon from the paved parking lot on Duquesne Road located south of Fred G. Hughes Stadium, and will arrive at the Grand Palace in time for the 3 p.m. showing of the *Radio City Music Hall Rockettes*.

A short time for shopping will be afterward at the Grand Village before a dinner cruise at 8 p.m. on the *Branson Belle* showboat.

The bus will return to Joplin approximately by midnight. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, Sept. 15. The trip costs \$79 per person. For information and reservations call 659-4434. □

Students to go to New York over spring break

Spring break may be a great time for students to visit New York. Dr. Jay Fields, director of the theatre department, is heading the nine-day trip to see, hear, taste, and smell all the Big Apple has to offer.

The trip includes round-trip airfare, ground transportation, accommodations at the Edison Hotel, the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Forbidden Broadway, buffet at the top of the Marriott Marquis, tickets to Riverdance, and church in Greenwich Village. Fields said many day-trips are also available.

A \$100 down payment is due as soon as possible, with monthly payments starting this month. For more information, contact Fields at 625-3015. □

Education and lifestyles make blood pressure rise

Everyone has blood pressure. Without it, blood couldn't circulate in our bodies. Most people think high blood pressure affects only older adults, but college students can be affected by high blood pressure problems as well. Because our bodies change as we grow older, it is important to have a blood pressure check at least once a year. Your health care provider can track any change in blood pressure levels and decide if it is normal or elevated.

What is normal blood pressure?

Blood pressure varies from moment to moment throughout the day. For example, it goes up during physical activity or when we're excited, and it goes down when we rest. These temporary changes are normal for everybody as long as they are within certain limits. If your blood pressure is high at one checking, you will probably be told to have it checked once a week for at least three weeks at different times during the day to find out if it is consistently elevated. Normal blood pressure is a systolic (contraction phase of the heart beat) reading of less than 140 mm Hg and a diastolic (relaxation phase of the heart beat) reading less than 90 mm Hg. The 'mm Hg' means 'millimeters of mercury'. Remember Chem 101?

What is high blood pressure?

Blood circulates through our bodies from arteries, to arterioles, to capillaries, to venules, and back to veins. It is the arterioles in our bodies which regulate our blood pressure. If the arterioles thicken or become narrow and constricted, and we don't know exactly why this happens, they resist the blood flow more than normal.

The blood cannot easily pass through them, and blood pressure increases. If the pressure increases above normal and stays there, the result is hypertension, the medical term for high blood pressure.

What causes high blood pressure?

High blood pressure may occur if some body part is not working properly, or if the person has an illness or disease. Primary or essential hypertension is the most common form of high blood pressure and has no known cause. People may inherit the tendency from one or

both parents who have high blood pressure. It is not understood why, but primary hypertension is more common and more severe in both Native Americans and African-Americans than in whites. Secondary hypertension is a raised blood pressure caused by drugs or medications. Amphetamines, or diet pills, and some decongestants can cause secondary hypertension. Oral contraceptives (birth control pills) tend to raise blood pressure in some females. This is more like

ly to occur if a person is overweight or has a family history of high blood pressure.

What does high blood pressure do to the body? Elevated blood pressure adds to the workload of the heart and arteries. Over time, it can damage the heart, brain, kidneys, and eyes because of decreased oxygen and nutrients circulating to those organs. If the blood pressure is not brought under control, it increases the risk of stroke, heart attack, or kidney failure later in life.

What can be done about high blood pressure? Some things you can do to control your blood pressure:

STOP SMOKING! — Smoking causes vasoconstriction which increases blood pressure.

Weight control — Being overweight seems to contribute to high blood pressure. Diet control is usually the first line of treatment for blood pressure that is slightly elevated.

Salty foods — In some people, too much salt in the diet may raise their blood pressure. Reducing the amount of salt ADDED to prepared food, and watching the amount of salt-rich foods consumed, may help keep blood pressure from elevating in salt sensitive people.

Physical activity — Keeping fit is important to both weight and blood pressure. Spend less time watching TV and more time being physically active!

If you have any questions about hypertension or any other medical topic, contact your healthcare provider or call the MSSC Health Center in Room 306 of Kuhn Hall at (417) 625-9323. We want to help keep our academic community healthy! □

IN PERSPECTIVE

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PLAGIARISM 101:



Plagiarists could stink up Southern

Doubtless you will have surmised that all these breathless apperceptions were just so much moonshine. Nonetheless the truth (as I later learned it) was not much less fantastic. From Ishmael, by Daniel Quinn.

The truth (as the *Winged Lion* learned it) was that someone actually had the audacity to plagiarize an award-winning novel, and then have it published in the award-winning Missouri Southern magazine. Who is to blame? How did this happen?

Not that the blame should be directed toward the magazine, because there is just too much literature out there to find all the cheaters, liars, and thieves who rip off others with the stroke of a pen or the keying of text.

Should the blame be pointed toward the College itself? Has there not been enough drilling into the skulls of students the importance of not resulting to plagiarism? Or is it that there hasn't been enough instruction to students on how to reach into their own souls and pull out enough creativity for a simple poem?

Maybe the problem lies within the childhood of such perpetrators. Perhaps the tragic onslaught of television, video games, and (in the modern world) Internet makes it impossible to recognize that a book is actually a benefactor for the mind, instead of a johnny-on-the-spot version of Cliff Notes to get out of a homework jam.

Perhaps polygraph machines should be installed in each building so that random testing would eliminate cheaters and plagiaristernists from the campus. There would be more testing than

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pee tests in a parole office, and anyone caught has to wear a scarlet "P" on his or her clothing.

But the fact of the matter is that until a student, person, or whatever proves otherwise, Southern, and all the departments wherein, bases everything on the honesty system.

That's right, for some reason the aforementioned actually believe that those attending an establishment of higher education want to improve themselves. Therefore, it is assumed that students will learn how to write, sing, draw, paint, and express themselves in each individual's own creative way, not infringing on the already produced work of another.

Sadly, time and time again, it happens. And this time it happened close to home. Just as each student has a choice whether or not to plagiarize, Southern has a chance to take up the reins and nip it in the bud. Will Southern take action and prove that it really believes this offense is one of low tolerance, or will it bat around the possibility of reciprocity and let the problem fade away?

And if no decent disciplinary action is taken, what message does it send to other students and colleges? Will it say that while stealing original works from another is bad, it's not worth going to great lengths to show its own belief on the subject of plagiarism?

If nothing is done to really stand up against plagiarism, perhaps Southern will soon have as many plagiarists on campus as there are skunks.

And that would really be stinking up the place. □

Entertainment suffers due to uninterested people

Often I have heard the comment, "What is there to do in Joplin?"

For those individuals with spare funds, options include bowling, miniature golf, movies, shopping, dining, live entertainment in the bar district, plays, and some concerts, albeit country fare, to name a few.

But what about services for the free spirit on a budget?

Biking and hiking trails consist of the Frisco Trail, a smooth, gravel path running from Webb City to the Ozark Christian College area. For walkers and joggers, the Campbell Parkway trek provides an avenue to enjoy nature. Joplin parks number some 770 acres with three public pools serving the expanding 40,000+ population.

One would assume this would be adequate for the community. The fact of the matter remains that without private business, the entertainment side of life in Joplin would stagnate and continue the same as it did 20 to 30 years ago.

While some Joplin parks are safe and maintained,

others lack sufficient facilities or carry reputations. Almost any improvements or changes to city properties draw fire from die-hard traditionalists who "like it the way it is."

Case in point — The Campbell Parkway project met with opposition because some residents didn't want it in their neighborhood. A drive-by on any given day, at any given hour, shows the life the trails breathe into the community. Fortunately, the city forged ahead amidst the protest.

New changes struggle to improve the area. The idea of a Joplin water park brought visions of a progressive community. Once again, this plan drew fire from long-time residents resistant to change, stating they didn't want to destroy Schifferdecker Park. Did I mention Schifferdecker Park once housed a tremendous amusement park in the early part of this century? Maybe it is time the park entertained residents on a larger scale.

Yielding to pressure from an outspoken group of citizens and high bids, the city council placed the

water park issue on the Nov. 2 ballot to determine if this is something the citizens want and if it should occupy Schifferdecker Park.

It is hard to understand why positive improvements to this area meet sharp criticism or defeat. Other local communities smaller than Joplin seem to thrive on improving their park systems and sponsoring local festivals each year. Carthage has the Maple Leaf Festival, Lamar recently completed its Free Fare, Pittsburg hosts Little Balkan Days, and Friestatt rolls out the barrel with Ernte Fest. Joplin toyed with its Fall Fiesta, but the event died out at least seven years ago, not from lack of interest by those attending.

Many Missouri Southern students come to Joplin from outside this area. Many students were born and raised here. Many students will remain in this area upon graduation.

Two Southern students recently presented a beautification proposal to the City of Joplin to enhance Campbell Parkway.

As students, Joplin is your community too, and by speaking out, we can all make a difference. It's time this area moved into the 21st century and better served the needs of the individuals who support it. □

Cramped quarters for same price equals more money

I am a junior honors student at Missouri Southern State College. In my previous two years of attending college, I have been very impressed with the school and all that it has offered. This year, my high esteem for Southern has changed.

I am one of the lucky students who is fortunate to have five people living in their on-campus apartment. This housing situation is ridiculous and has significantly lowered my thoughts of Southern. I had come to expect much more out of this school.

Doug Carnahan reemphasized the concern dealing with this situation by stating that "most people on the list applied at the last minute." Southern feels that it is reasonable to accommodate those who become the fifth person in apartments because they waited to apply for housing until the last minute. This argument can be seen from a different perspective.

Students who were responsible enough to be concerned about their living situation for the coming year turned in their housing application as soon as they were issued and available. They were able to

secure themselves a place and allowed the College to plan for the number of students in on-campus housing. Now they are being punished for the fifth person's laziness by being forced to yield some of their own rightly claimed living space. Does this really sound fair?

It is great that Southern is showing such great signs of growth, but the progress should be dealt with in a much better way. Smashing five students into all of the apartments to whittle down the waiting list should not be an option. Those on the waiting list applied late and should not expect Southern to drop everything to accommodate their wants. For every one student that Southern helped by creating room through adding a bed to a full apartment, four other students were alienated by the unjust actions of the school.

Another concern arises when considering this horrid situation: money. Those who are involuntarily forced to have five students in their apartments are each individually charged the same exact housing fee as those who are comfortably living with four

Mandy Williams,
junior sociology major

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Student heads attorney general campaign

By MELODY LANING
Staff Writer

Desire for change and a set of values highlight Kelly Cole's campaign management career. Currently, he is heading up the campaign for Sam Jones, Republican candidate for attorney general and a former prosecutor and associate circuit judge of Lawrence County.

A senior political science and communications major, Cole's involvement in politics came in the fifth grade.

"Around 1988, I did some volunteer work for George Bush's campaign and for some Republican races in Missouri," he said.

Cole's efforts continued throughout his high school career. He was among the select few to attend Kansas' Boy's State, a political camp which instills political values.

What sparked his interest, though, was a speech given by Sen. John Ashcroft (R-Mo.) at a Republican convention.

"His speech really hit home with me," Cole said.

His strong interest in politics involves a fast-paced lifestyle laced with a constant whirlwind of change.

"Politics is something different every day," he said. "I want to make a change and set forth Republican values."

That goal came into play this past March when Cole spoke to Jones about running for attorney general of Missouri.

"In 1984, I contemplated the idea of running for attorney general," Jones said.

"I hadn't really thought about it again until this past March when Kelly called me."

"We both agreed that there was currently not a strong candidate at the time for attorney general and the Republican Party has a strong ticket this year," Cole said.

"If a Republican wins the majority in the House and Senate, there will be a Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives and a Republican President Pro Tem of the Senate. The attorney general's purpose is to defend the legislative acts of the court. With a Democratic attorney general, they would have a different agenda than that of the Republican legislative."

Within 90 days, Jones made his decision to run for office and appointed Cole as his campaign manager. Cole basically oversees the staff, schedules events, places the media, orders propaganda, and deals with fundraising.

"I am someone to get the candidate elected and to get things done," Cole said.

Starting a campaign requires many things. Registering with the Ethics Commission is one of the first steps. Raising money and talking with influential people are some of the others.

Jones also believes the current attorney general has left his

job on the back burner while his political work has been more of a focus.

"He (Jay Nixon) has let his current political agenda interfere with work," Jones said.

"The attorney general is listed in the *Official Missouri Manual* as being the chief law officer. Then why are we number two methamphetamine producer in the country, right behind California?"

Another issue on Jones' mind is the recent tobacco settlement. More than \$400 million of the settlement is being used to pay private practice attorneys of Missouri.

"In the Missouri blue book, Nixon said that there was no need of private practice attorneys in Missouri and promised to use the Missouri assistant attorney general to handle cases," Cole said.

"In the tobacco settlement, Nixon went against his promise and hired private practice attorneys, which cost the state more money than if they would have hired our own Missouri assistant attorney general. The private practice attorneys just happen to be Nixon's supporters, who have, after receiving their large sum of settlement money, will more than likely donate it right back into Nixon's campaign."

Jones believes in following up on the issue if elected.

"This campaign will be a long, hard fight and I will know that we did our best," Cole said. □

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Price of bulk items changes for Joplin residents

The price Joplin residents have to pay to take bulk items to the American Disposal Service in Galena, Kan., has changed.

For pick-up trucks, the price will be \$5, and for a small trailer, the price will be \$10. Trailers measuring more than eight feet long are \$8. For loads more than one ton, the charge is \$15 per ton.

Construction and demolition debris, which includes roofing shingles, will no longer be accepted on the program if the debris does not fit in a car, a standard truck, or if it weighs more than 2,000 pounds. Joplin residents are welcome to bring this type of debris to American Disposal, but they will be charged \$30 per ton at the gate.

The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. until noon, and Saturday 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

This year-round clean-up program is subsidized by the City of Joplin.

For detailed information on the program, persons may contact American Disposal Service at (800) 962-3121, or Joplin's recycling coordinator at 624-0820, Ext. 501. □

Organizations join to offer seminar on SIDS

Educare of Southwest Missouri (a program of the United Way of Southwest Missouri), Southwest Missouri Community Alliance, Pumpkin Patch Child Care, and Southwest Missouri Association for the Education of Young Children will sponsor a seminar on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) from 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. on Wednesday. The seminar will be held at the Lafayette House in Joplin. Topics include SIDS risk factors, reducing the risk of SIDS, and other SIDS related topics. The session will count as two clock hours of training. There is no cost, but registration is required.

Educare will also hold its first Network Training Meeting on from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Webb City Development Center, 1401 W. Austin.

Topics include "What is Quality Child Care?" and "Helping Children Cope with Fears." There will be a Make and Take session on making foamboard animal masks. This meeting will count as two clock hours of training. There is no cost, but registration is required.

To register or for more information, persons may call 624-0153. □

Audubon Society plans for guest speaker

Ozark Gateway Audubon Society, a local chapter of the National Audubon Society, begins its season of fall programs by welcoming Missouri state ornithologist James D. Wilson as a guest speaker at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

The meeting will be held at the Southwest Missouri Bank Annex, just south of the bank at 7th Street and Duquesne Road.

Wilson, who held his position with the Department of Conservation for more than 20 years, will discuss the many and varied bird research and conservation projects the department sponsors. The program Brandon Lawson is free and open to the public.

Ozark Gateway Audubon Society represents more than 350 members from seven southwest Missouri counties.

As well as sponsoring monthly programs on natural history and environmental topics, the Society will provide Audubon Adventure kits to 60 area classrooms this fall. Other activities include field trips, Christmas Bird Count, and an annual bird seed sale.

Student memberships in Audubon are \$15 and include a free backpack and a year subscription to *Audubon Magazine* and the *OGAS Observer*. For more information or to join the Ozark Gateway Audubon Society, persons may call (417) 359-5221. □

Business Women's Association to hold dinner

The Ozark Gateway Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold its annual membership dinner on Thursday, September 16 at the Ramada Inn of Joplin.

Dinner is served at 6:30 with a social at 6:00. Cost is \$8.00. For reservations and information, please contact Arlene Dedrickson at 623-4545 or 649-7280. □

BLAST OFF



MATT MADURA/The Chart

Jeff Sadler prepares to launch his bike off of a bridge Wednesday afternoon. Sadler is a sixth grader at South Middle School.

'E.R. Day' planned this weekend

Event to provide information, promote community awareness

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN
City News Editor

The second Joplin "E.R. Day" will be held from 4 p.m. today until 4 p.m. tomorrow at Northpark Mall. The event corresponds with "911 Day" across the state tomorrow.

The American Red Cross of Newton County and Carthage sponsors the Emergency Response Day along with KSNF-TV. Other participating agencies include the Carl Junction, Duenweg, and Redings Mill Fire Departments, Jasper County Emergency Services, the Joplin Police Department, Newton County Ambulance, the Salvation Army, and St. John's Regional Medical Center.

The event focuses on informing the community of the importance of emergency preparedness and resources the community utilizes. The agencies will also personalize emergencies for individuals.

"I think the biggest purpose is to provide public awareness about groups that are available in emergency situations," said Captain Martin Colip, commander of the Salvation Army. "The METS, police, [and] fire, among many others, make sure that people are taken care of in emergency situations."

The agencies participating will display information on emergency preparedness.

"We will be handing out coloring books for children and we will have brochures and pamphlets to pass out," said Carol Kerr, executive director of the American Red Cross.

The Salvation Army will host a booth with a video on their disaster work, along with handouts for people interested in volunteering.

"We provide emergency canteens for fires, tornadoes, floods, and any other disasters," Colip said.

"We also have mass feeding and assistance daily through our food pantry. Counseling is very important to us because there is nothing worse than losing everything you have, and it's rewarding to help someone like that."

Stressing the importance of planning in an emergency situation is another scheduled event.

"If someone is having an emergency, they need to call 911," Kerr said.

"We have information on how to prepare in the event of a disaster. If there is a winter storm, tornado, or any other emergency occurs, people need to have a plan of where everyone can meet."

The Duenweg Fire Department will instruct the community about brush and grass fires.

"This is our first year to participate and we hope to gain public awareness from this event," said Durran Studyzin, a lieutenant with the department.

KSNF-TV will broadcast part of their 6 p.m. news from Northpark Mall tonight. □

United Way to kick off local annual fundraising

Breakfast, auction set later this month in Joplin

By TIFFANY DOWNING
Contributing Writer

United Way of Southwest Missouri kicks off its annual fundraiser with a breakfast and auction later this month.

Vintage items, collectibles, and a special guest auctioneer will be there.

Among the gifts to be auctioned include a one-year cable subscription from CableOne, tickets to Route 66 Music Theater, a Branson vacation package, and a six-month membership to the Joplin Family Y.

The breakfast is Wednesday, Sept. 15 in Memorial Hall at 7:30 a.m. Attending this breakfast will be companies in the Joplin area who provide funding for United Way.

The campaign will help raise the awareness of companies in area concerning the various services offered to the community through United Way.

United Way and its 22-member agencies help provide food, clothing, shelter, literacy, and other basic life necessities to meet the needs of people living in the community. This organization assists in temporary times of crisis when the availability of these necessities is lacking. They also provide the community with programs that both help solve existing physical, mental, and social problems.

United Way also helps teach the development of social and moral character as well as the basics of how to obtain healthy lifestyles.

"We fund 22 agencies and provide 54 pro-

"We help everyone ranging from senior citizens all the way to children."

ROBIN McALESTER
Development Associate
for the United Way
of Southwest Missouri

grams," said Robin McAlester, development associate for the United Way of Southwest Missouri. "[We] help everyone ranging from senior citizens all the way to children."

The Joplin 66 Speedway and Williams Gas Pipeline Central sponsor the second event planned for this year.

Rescheduled after a rainout on Saturday, Sept. 17, the 66 Speedway race will be one of the biggest races of the year will give \$1 per ticket to United Way.

McAlester said Williams Gas and Pipeline Central has pledged to match each dollar raised with one of its own.

The Girl Scout Council of the Ozark Area sponsors the second event this year. The event is a White Elephant Auction at noon on Friday, Sept. 17. The auction will be held at Joplin's First Community Church, located at Connecticut and 15th Street. Lunch will be served for \$5.

United Way is located at 405 Main St. For more information concerning the programs offered through the United Way, call 624-0153. □



JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT/Special to The Chart

The 15th Class in the Citizen's Police Academy poses for a group photo. Classes are designed to help members of the community understand what the police force experiences on the job.

Academy helps beat crime

By CYNTHIA TURNBULL
Staff Writer

Fighting the bad guys and bringing justice to the community are some of the images people conjure up when trying to understand what the local police force encounters.

By joining the Citizens Police Academy, individuals experience life on the crime beat. The 16th class begins this Thursday evening. Although the current enrollment for the class is full, another class is available in the spring. Classes are free of charge.

"I think that this is a good program," said Ken Kennedy, senior criminal justice major. "That's why I volunteered to help found this group. This program gives me the opportunity to work with non-criminal people. People gain, I think, a renewed respect for the police and the work that they do in our city."

The classes meet every Thursday night for 11 weeks, and take commitment. Kennedy teaches two classes: Special Response and Tactical Building Clearing.

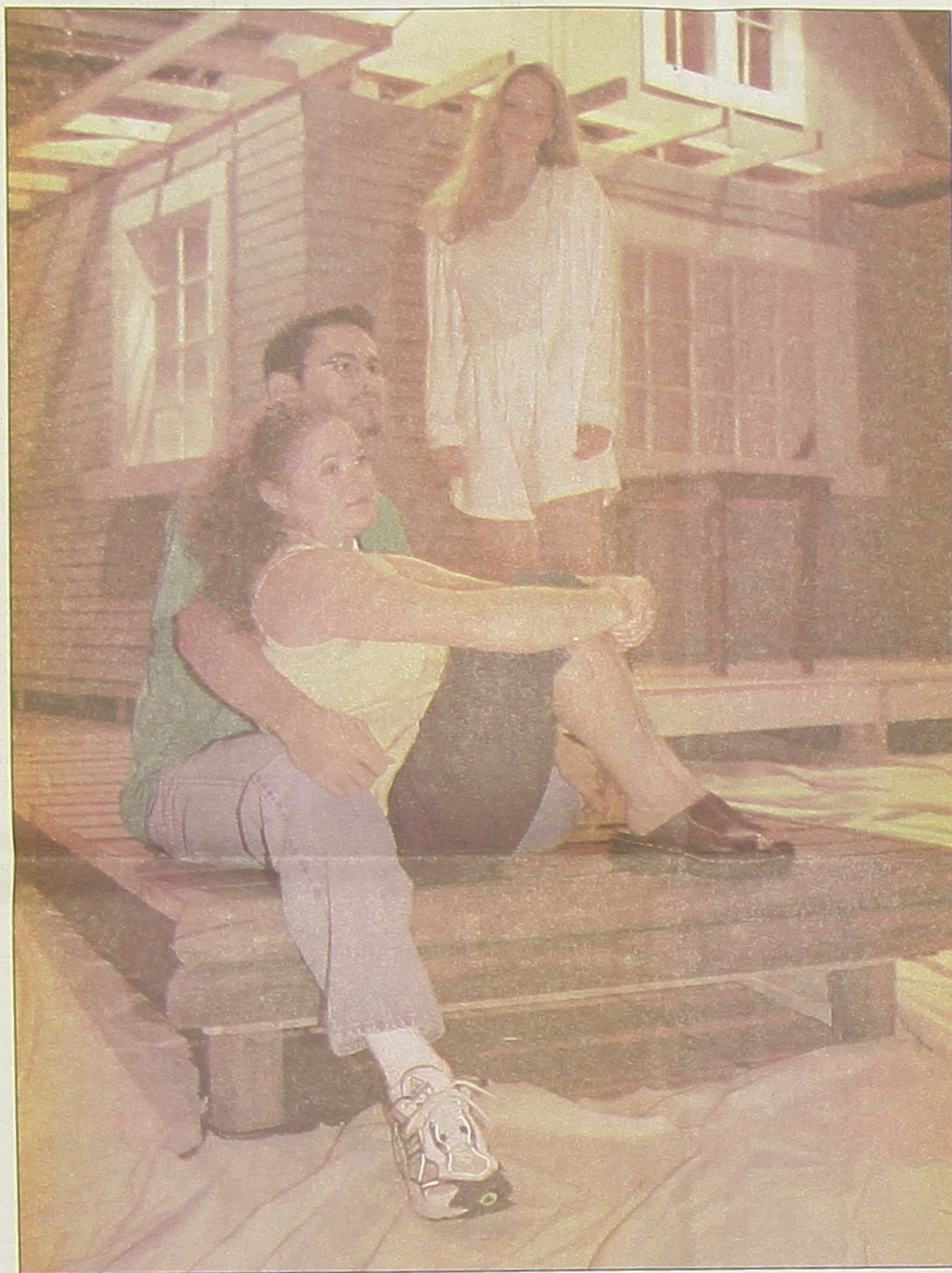
When Edward Dennis, Joplin police chief, came to Joplin, he previously had been involved with a similar program and was interested in starting one here.

"Edward Dennis asked me to help get this organized and find a place to hold the classes," Kennedy said. "Basically, from this we hope that we can gain respect from the students. Also, we want to make such an impact on them that they influence friends to join up."

Upon completion of the classes, participants may direct traffic, go along with police for house checks, and become involved in the neighborhood watch organization. Persons interested in signing up for the spring class may call Kennedy at 623-3131, Ext. 411. □

Diversions

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Rhea Brown, senior theatre major, and Darrin Lackey, senior theatre major (up front) rehearse downstage for Southern Theatre's most recent production, 'To Gillian on her 37th Birthday.' Co-star Mariah Kissel, senior theatre major, looks on from upstage. The play starts at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Taylor Auditorium. It finishes its run on Saturday, Sept. 18.

Opening Fall shows kick theatre season into full production

By KRISTY HAMBY
Staff Writer

For those who like to watch people perform, Joplin Little Theatre has a good lineup for the fall and spring seasons. *Cabaret* is a classic musical about colorful

chronic stupidity for 200 years, and Leon, the young schoolteacher who breaks the curse. Performance dates are May 26-27, and May 31 through June 4. Auditions are April 3 and 4.

According to Shawn Irish, set designer and actor, the Missouri Southern theatre majors who will be performing in some of the shows this season are senior Stephanie

Christman and sophomores Stephanie Belt and Joey Roesel.

Christman, Junior Board president, encourages everyone to audition for the Southern theatre plays.

"Currently, we are in need of 16- and 17-year-olds," she said. "The Junior Board consists of 16- to 24-year-olds. Although this season most of the plays are geared toward adults, we do more plays in the summer for teens."

Evening performances are at 8, and

Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 for students and children. Season passes are available — \$40 for adults, \$35 for seniors, and \$25 for students. Students must present their student IDs for all discounts.

"In the past, I have not been very impressed with the shows, but I feel that this season the shows will be much better," said Greg Corona, a Webb City resident. Persons needing more information on auditions and shows times may call 623-3638.

Joplin Little Theatre's Fall Lineup . . .

Cabaret.....
Sept. 25, 26, 29 &
Oct. 8

The Rainmaker.....
Nov. 27 & 28; Dec. 1-5

They're Playing Our Song..
Jan. 28 & 29; Feb. 2-6

The Cemetery Club.....
March 24, 25, 29-April 2

Fools.....
May 26&27
May 31-June 4

and disturbing characters inhabiting pre-World War II Berlin.

Performance dates are Sept. 25, 26, 29, and Oct. 3.

The Rainmaker is a comedy about a con man who brings "miracles" to a small western town, and a young woman who comes to appreciate herself.

The play runs Nov. 27 and 28, and Dec. 1 through 5. Auditions are Oct. 4 and 5.

They're Playing Our Song is a razzmatazz musical comedy by Neil Simon about the love affair between two ambitious, clever, funny, but neurotic New Yorkers — a lyricist and pop composer — who meet to collaborate on new songs. Performance dates are Jan. 28 and 29, and Feb. 2-6. Auditions are Dec. 6 and 7.

The Cemetery Club is the touching and funny story of three life-long friends who, as widows later in life, suddenly find themselves in competition over the same eligible widower.

Performance dates are March 24-25, and March 29 through April 2. Auditions are Feb. 7 and 8.

Fools is Neil Simon's hilarious take on the Russian folk tale of Kulyenchikov, a town whose residents have been cursed with

Stone's Throw caters to evening of madness

By CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

In yet another attempt to bring a little bit of culture to the Joplin area, Stone's Throw Theatre is kicking off its 10th season with a show called *Later Life*.

The play, written by A.R. Gurney and published in 1993, is a comedy about people who have grown up and are now having to deal with the problems of later life.

"It's a comedy with a purpose," said Henry Heckert, director. "Gurney is considered one of the most refreshing playwrights

today, and this play is going to be funny."

The story circles around a man and woman who are old acquaintances and have inadvertently reunited.

After discovering they have each gone through troublesome breakups, they comically pursue a relationship. Along the way, they are fraught with a number of odd mishaps and a crazy night dockside in Boston Harbor.

This play features a number of Carthage residents, as well as Missouri Southern student Edgar McGuire, freshman undecided major, and high school senior Eric

Conrardy.

Heckert encourages younger actors.

"We like to let inexperienced people work with experienced people," he said.

Betty Bell, a Carthage resident, plays Ruth. She is one of the play's main characters.

"Ruth is a bit of a free spirit," Bell said. "She has left a man in Las Vegas only to find herself considering this very conservative man in Boston."

"He's a little stuffy."

Bell is no stranger to acting, having been at it for more than 25 years and 60 shows.

She has high hopes for this show.

"I think this one's going to be a sellout," Bell said.

She would know, too, considering she is in charge of taking reservations.

Though the box office doesn't officially open until today, Bell said the theatre, which seats 76, has already sold 150 reservations and 260 season tickets.

The season opener is Sept. 16.

Other performances run Sept. 17, 18, and 24-26.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30



and the show starting at 7:30. Prepaid reservations are required. Reservations or season tickets may be obtained by calling (417) 358-9665.

Campus film festival shines light on International celebrities

Tuesday marks the beginning of Southern's annual film fest

By BRIAN WIRTH
Staff Writer

Missouri Southern students will soon get a chance to see films right here on campus that they might not have had the opportunity to see at any of the local Joplin Theatres.

The 38th Annual International Film Festival, a 10-program series, begins Sept. 14. The festival runs through April 18.

The start of the festival films will be at 7:30 p.m. each week on Tuesday in Matthews Hall auditorium.

Southern's Film Society is the organization that makes the festival possible.

The society does so by bringing in many international films and making them accessible to the students and to the rest of the community.

"The films that are going to be shown are selected by active members of the film society," said Harrison Kash, assistant professor of chemistry and film festival director.

"Some of the films are their own personal choices or they have heard a lot about the film. A lot of these films

you will have no other opportunity to see."

The films that will be shown are all international films from 11 different countries.

"We try to provide something that a lot of people have not or will ever see around here," Kash said.

"It is a great educational opportunity and it is not to merely entertain, but to broaden the viewer's horizon."

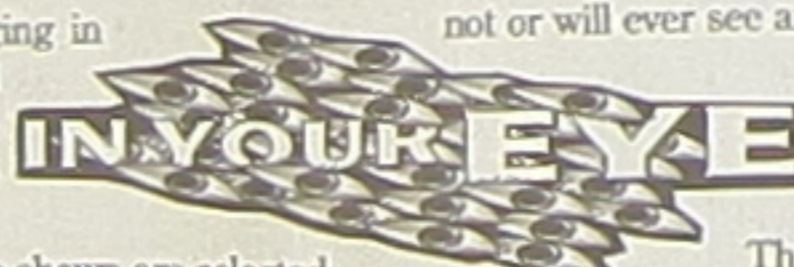
The films that are going to be showing at this year's festival are Fritz Lang's *Scarlet Street*, Claude Jutra's *My Uncle Antoine*, Ingmar Bergman's *Wild Strawberries*, Bert Haanstra's *Glass*, Claude Chabrol's *The Cousins*, Kenji Mizoguchi's *Osaka Elegy*, Germaine Dulac's *The Seashell and the*

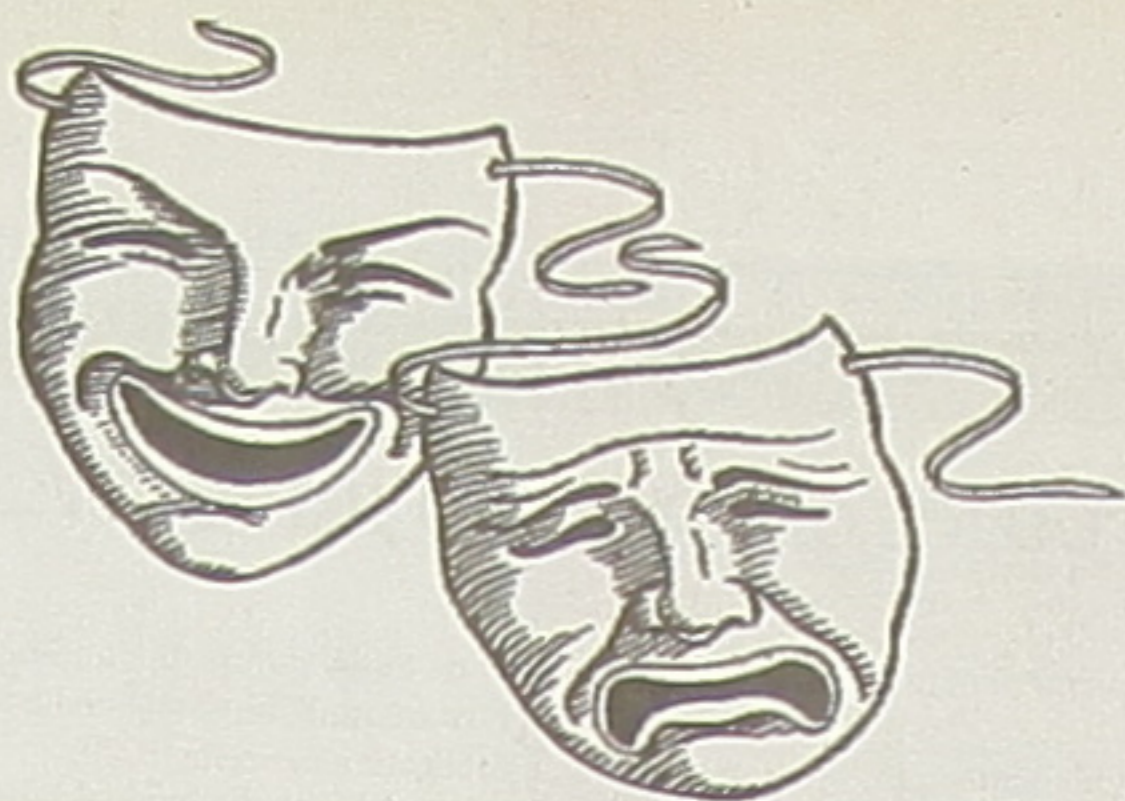
Clergyman, Yakov Protazanov's *Father Sergius*, Basil Wright and Harry Watt's *Night Mail*, Miguel Littin's *Alsino and the Condor*, Andrzej Wajda's *Ashes and Diamonds*, Kind Hearts and Coronets, and Sergei Paradzhanov's *The Color of Pomegranates*.

Season tickets are on sale now for the film festival. Passes are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students and senior citizens.

Dr. William Kumbier, associate professor of English, is a huge supporter and fan of the film festival.

"It is a tremendous way to enhance your awareness of films and it is a way to see films that most likely you would never get to see in Joplin," Kumbier said.





Theatre is in the air.
Several Joplin area drama
troupes are performing for the
fall. Check out the stories below
for information on showtimes,
dates, etc . . .

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Sing a song

BY CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

For all those frustrated song writers, there is new hope. Mike Brandon, owner of Weeping Onion Records, a local recording studio, is offering a songwriters seminar.

"It doesn't matter what stage of music you're at," he said, "I just want to help people learn to write better lyrics."

Whether writing songs for commercial use, or just for personal pleasure, Brandon tries to stress the importance of catchy writing.

"From the time we first hear music, we are taught to appreciate certain things," he said.

"The purpose of the seminar is to learn how to write music that caters to those particular things, to catch people's atten-

tion."

Brandon, a musician since age 13, has quite a bit of experience with songwriting. Not only does he record many local artists, he also travels frequently to Nashville where he records some of his own works.

He currently has two albums in circulation and a number of songs have played

on radio stations nationwide. While most of his music has a bit of a country flavor, Brandon does enjoy the heavier side of country.

"It's country with a heavy dose of rock," he said.

Brandon said that though many people deny it, most lyricists write "country."

Because of his extensive travels, he has found that writers are becoming more and more in demand.

"Most artists," he explained, "start out with an album or two of songs that they

have written themselves. After that they find themselves out of creative inspiration and turn to fresh writers for new lyrics."

He says it is a lot more complicated than it may seem.

"It's like a puzzle," he said, "and putting it all together is the fun part."

Though learning to play music better is part of the seminar, most of the class stresses the lyrical part of songwriting.

"I'd say 95 percent is lyrics," said Brandon.

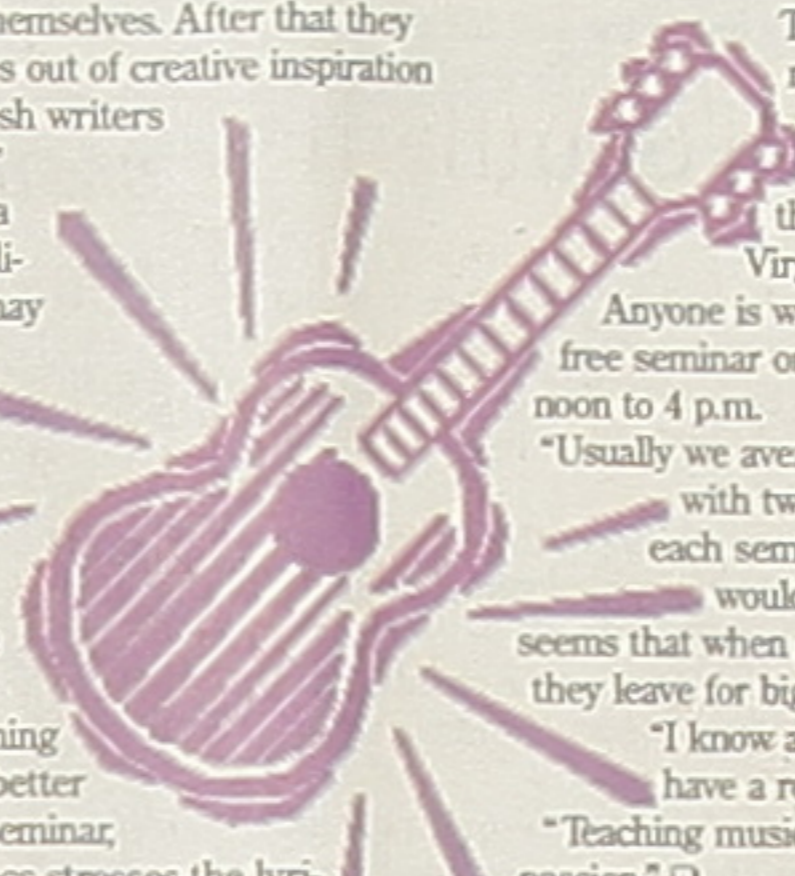
The seminar is held once a month at Brandon's recording studio, located at 532 N. Virginia, on the corner of Sixth and Virginia in downtown Joplin.

Anyone is welcome to attend the next free seminar on September 18, from noon to 4 p.m.

"Usually we average about 15 regulars with two or three new people each seminar," said Brandon. "We would have more but it always seems that when people get really good, they leave for bigger and better things."

"I know a lot about music and I have a real open mind," he said.

"Teaching music, no matter the age, is my passion." □



Local bands lend musical flare to food, fare

Live music attempts to bring more money

BY CANDACE MOORE
Staff Writer

There is actually more to Joplin night life than movies, bowling, and Club Miami.

The live-band scene is taking off as two popular spots gain more recognition.

Woody's Woodfire Pizza opened its doors to area bands. Owners Steve Ritter and Pete Williams wanted to create a reason for people to stay a while and have a good time.

"It's helped us get more of a late crowd and it gives people a good place to hang out," Ritter said.

The duo had some friends of a former band, The Websters, who wanted a place to play. The successful

venture became a biweekly act.

The stage is open to any band that wants an opportunity to play. Bands play Tuesday and Thursday nights from 10 p.m. until midnight.

Ritter and Williams enjoy giving the bands and the crowd a place to hang out.

"It's a lot different performance atmosphere," Ritter said. "Bands have a more intimate relationship with the crowd, and it's just a fun time."

The Kitchen Pass has been host to many live bands for the past few years.

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STEVE RITTER

Co-owner of Woody's Woodfire Pizza

The Kitchen Pass recently added a patio so bands can play in a larger, open-air setting for the summer.

Josh Detar, Missouri Southern graduate and manager of The Patio Bar and the Bypass, is happy with the way things have been going.

"It's been really successful so far," he said. "The atmosphere is laid back. We have a good time, and it's good for the bands."

The Patio Bar is a 21-and-over establishment, and a cover charge ranges from \$2 and \$4, but business still pours in.

"This summer, we got a lot of college-aged, about half the crowd probably," Detar said.

Bands play from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. □



Kindness more important than cleanliness to Carr

BY ERIN SELLERS
Associate Editor

Dirt and grime fear her name! Sue Carr, head of custodial services at McCormick Hall, takes her job above and beyond merely cleaning up the mess of Missouri Southern residence hall students.

"She takes her job very seriously," said Holley Goodnight, director of Fresh Start. "She doesn't just think of it as a job, she thinks of it as her life."

Carr, now in her eleventh year of working in Custodial Services, makes it a priority to develop relationships with the girls staying in McCormick.

"I love being able to stop and talk to them," Carr said. "There's been quite a few that told me they were thinking of quitting school, and I tell them to stick it out and get their education."

"Some of them have come back and said, 'Oh, you were right and I'm glad I finished it out.' It makes me pretty proud that they continued their education because of something I said."

Before accepting the position with Custodial Services, Carr worked in various other areas of the College.

"She's been at the College for years," said Deb Gipson, coordinator of student housing. "She worked in the music building and I was a music major so I've known her for about 20 years."

Carr worked with Southern's food service before she accepted her current position.

"It meant a retirement plan and insurance benefits," Carr said. "That'll make you decide to take a job quick."

Carr has seen McCormick through several sets of residence advisers, including this year's two new directors.

"Four new SAs [staff assistants] and a new house mom is quite a change," Carr said. "But Lissa [Thomas, new resident adviser for McCormick Hall] seems like she's great. And also I knew Jeff [Daniel, new resident adviser for Blaine Hall] back when he was an SA."

Even though she thinks of the residence hall students and staff as an extended family, Carr is extremely proud of her own family.

"I'm a grandma five times over," Carr said. "I have a son and a daughter, and of course my husband supports me in all that I do."

Carr does not let much slow her down. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997 and although she overcame it, it's still a sensitive subject.

"I had the support of the school and my family, but you don't know what it means until the doctors tell you you've got it," Carr said through tears. "It's still hard to talk about."

Through her bout with cancer and her attempts to befriend the entire residence hall population, Carr still manages to keep McCormick Hall dirt-free.

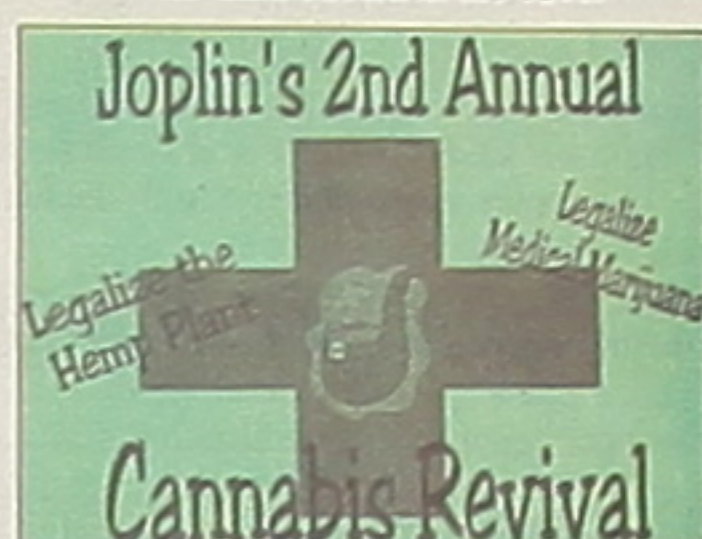
"I try to keep it as clean as I can," she said. "The girls help out a load — they're great." □



Sue Carr, head of custodial services at McCormick Hall, has been cleaning the College for 11 years. Getting to know the students, she says, is her favorite part of the job.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Chris Roberts at 625-9311.



■ Legalizing Marijuana is the theme at the 2nd annual Cannabis revival. The revival kicks off at noon on Saturday at Schifferdecker Park. The revival runs until 10 p.m. It is free to the public.

Today 10

Deadline to sign up for Intramurals Sand Volleyball League and Flag Football League

8:45 a.m. to noon—Career services/Student Support Center Mobile Information Station will be at the Criminal Justice Center.

7 p.m.—Men's soccer vs. William Jewell; Volleyball vs. MO Western;

Viewing of German film *Beyond Silence* in Webster Hall 105

8:30 p.m.—

Swing Dance the night away with the Wesley Foundation's sponsored dance. There are pre-dance lessons from 7 p.m. until the start of the dance. Both the dance and the lessons are on BSC 3rd floor.

Saturday 11

Cross country at KU, Jayhawk invitational

11 a.m.—

Volleyball vs. Northwest MO

5:30 p.m.—

Culturally speaking tailgate party to be held in the Fred G. Hughes stadium parking lot

7 p.m.—

The Lions' football season kicks off against Northeastern State University on Southern's own turf (Hughes Stadium.)

Monday 13

Intramural soccer signups begin, deadline Sept. 24

8:45-noon—

Career Services Support Center Mobile Information Station, Matthews Hall

11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.—

President and Mrs. Leon's Ice Cream Social, BSC 310. Everyone invited

12:00 p.m.—

CAB Meeting, everyone is welcome and lunch is provided.

Tuesday 14

7:30 p.m.—

International Film: *Scarlet Street* (USA, 1945), Matthews Hall Auditorium

12:00 p.m.—

KDPI meeting, T106

Wednesday 15

8:45 a.m.- noon—

Career Services/Student Support Center Mobile Information Station



3:30 p.m.—

W & M soccer @ Bartlesville Wes

7 p.m.—

Volleyball vs. PSU

7:30 p.m.—

Southern Theatre presents 'To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday.' Showing through the 18th. For reservations call Ext. 3190

Thursday 16

7:30p.m.—

Keith Tally Senior Recital, (saxophone), Webster auditorium

7:30p.m.—

Philosophy Club meeting, BSC lounge. Round-table discussions by Stanford Professor James Sheehan

WINGED LION: 'College strictly prohibits plagiarism, cheating, and other offenses to integrity...'

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that's published and you've got a local campus organization," Simpson said. "You're going through, you're reading fiction and poems and trying to decide what the best is to put in."

"I'm not surprised, because there are some unscrupulous people who would do something like that and hope nobody catches them," he said.

Paul Dodson, junior English education major and an editor for the *Winged Lion*, agrees that it is very difficult, if not impossible, to be able to get a plagiarized work such as *My Surmise* published.

"I haven't even heard of the book that poem came from," he said. "It sounded vaguely familiar, but I had definitely never read it, and probably never even seen it. You'd have to be really well-versed to completely guard against that sort of thing."

Plagiarism is a very serious offense at Southern. Discipline for past offenses has included suspension and academic probation. Recent offenses have included plagiarism from the Internet.

Southern states its position very clearly in its *Student Handbook*, which is distributed through the Student Services office.

The handbook states:

"The college strictly prohibits plagiarism, cheating, and other offenses to the integrity of the college...Students must be conscious of their responsibilities as scholars, to learn to discern what is included in plagiarism as well as in other breaches of the Student Handbook, and must know and practice the specifications for citations in scholarly work."

Even though this case of plagiarism is dealing with a school publication instead of an actual classroom setting, the offense is still seen as a major violation of school policy.

Currently, students do not sign any type of honesty agreement when submitting works to the *Winged Lion*. Students are responsible for knowing Southern's policy of plagiarism and its consequences.

"Plagiarism is pretty serious," said Dr. Doug Carnahan, dean of students. "It's probably one of the most serious offenses. Even though it is a volunteer publication, the same rules apply."

Carnahan points out that plagiarism is explained in great detail in the *Student Handbook*, and the explanation of Southern's policy regarding it leaves little room for question.

"As a matter of fact, it's one of the first things that we

try to get across to the students, the seriousness of the plagiarism," he said.

If an instructor discovers an instance of plagiarism, it is up to that instructor to determine how to deal with the situation.

He or she may report the incident to Carnahan to take disciplinary action, or the instructor may determine his or her own form of discipline.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said he will investigate the matter.

"Obviously it's unconscionable to do something like that, and it saddens me to learn of this," he said, "but I'd like to visit with the faculty involved and see how they'd like to proceed."

Bitterbaum said he doesn't know why someone would plagiarize a volunteer publication such as the *Winged Lion*, because the publication is a personal, creative outlet.

"It makes no sense to do that, because it's a creative opportunity to express your thoughts and let people visit with you what you shared with them," he said.

Ultimately the real victim of Kocks' plagiarism is the very magazine to which he submitted the copied excerpt.

Now, the chance to even compete for another National Pacemaker award must be postponed another year until the next publication in Spring 2000.

"I just don't understand why anybody would feel the need to do that because it kind of goes against the whole feeling of the *Winged Lion*," Dodson said. "We're just trying to collect a bunch of works by the students to get them out there so people can read them. Trying to put in somebody else's work just goes against the whole feeling of the magazine, actually."

Simpson agrees that this type of exposure of plagiarism is important for the award-winning publication because it could save it from future embarrassment.

"This [discovery] is really the price that people should pay for plagiarism," he said. "This is a different arena here, and it's much broader than a class. The guy was taking credit for a work that wasn't his own, and the *Winged Lion* may be named another Pacemaker award this year — and it would have that piece of evidence in it."

"Actually, it's worse than doing it for a grade because there's no real motivation except for quick fame, I guess," Simpson said. "You pay the price when you get caught." □

WEBSTER: University partners with Southern

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leaves tuition costs comparable to those of Southern. Classes will be taught in English.

According to Jim Gray, dean of the school of business, it's not just the sight-seeing that makes Geneva an attraction.

"For any students, I always move toward the marketability thing," Gray said. "Students work for companies doing things internationally, and this way they get to work with different cultures. In Geneva, they get the experience they can't get here. It's a win-win situation."

Dr. Alex Vernon, associate professor of business, will be traveling to Geneva as a member of the faculty. As part of the deal, Southern will send one instructor with the group to teach during the 16-week period. Because Vernon had such a large hand in the agreement, he was chosen to go.

"We're very excited about this," said Vernon of his family. "We're in the process of getting everything ready to go. This will be a real personal experience to go, and it will be a good time for us. It will be quite a change in lifestyle."

Though the semester will stress the educational component, Southern educators want students to realize the adventurous possibilities as well.

"If I were in school, I would jump at the chance," said Dr. John Lewis, associate professor of international business.

"They would have to be holding me back. It's the type of opportunity that changes your perspective on life. This is something that can never be taken away from you."

For additional information, students should contact Lewis in Room 309 of Matthews Hall or at 625-9602. □

INCREASE: Capital request total \$13,440,000

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the television studios to digital equipment will cost \$1,179,537.

The College is also asking for \$306,614 for maintenance and \$135,270 for the faculty deferred compensation program.

Capital requests were \$13,440,000. The largest capital request is \$12 million for construction of the health science building behind Hearnes Hall.

"It is probably the highest per square-foot that we have ever had to ask the state for because of what it is: medical laboratories, air-supply systems, and vacuum systems," said Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant.

Programs that would move to the new facility include nursing, radiology, respiratory therapy, dental hygiene, and psychology.

"We want to bring together in one facility all the health-related programs that we have on campus,"

Leon said, "several of which have needs for additional space and are in cramped quarters."

Leon said moving these programs would alleviate crowding the Taylor Education and Psychology Building, Webster Hall, and Ummel Technology Building.

Other capital requests pale in comparison: \$200,000 for remodeling restrooms in Taylor Auditorium, \$100,000 to replace the chiller in the Taylor Education and Psychology Building, \$350,000 to replace the roofs of Hearnes Hall, Young Gym, and Reynolds Hall, \$50,000 to replace fire alarms, and \$90,000 to sandblast and waterproof Hearnes Hall, Spiva Library, and Reynolds Hall.

The state provides about 60 percent of Southern's income.

The other 40 percent comes from other sources, including student fees. □

GRANT: Gubera pleased with results of class

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"It was a process of like seven months to get it done, but the grant itself we wrote in about two months," White said. "It just kind of started as kind of a shot in the dark and we just got lucky."

Gubera said the students picked the topic because they saw a lacking in Joplin of the aspects it contained.

"First of all they thought that there are just some areas around town that could use some sprucing up — literally," he said.

"We just felt that Joplin, as a city, needed more beautification as far as landscaping," White said.

White said when they first started the project they did not think it would go this far.

"We thought that it was reachable, we thought it was achievable, but we didn't know," she said. "We just thought that we would be looked at as two college students, inexperienced college students at that, and we wouldn't really be taken seriously."

Routledge said she hopes this will encourage others when doing this type of project.

"I'm sure Dr. Gubera is very pleased with results of

his class and very well he should because it is very impressive to have students do something like this as a class project," she said.

Gubera said there were several grant proposals from this course which were well done.

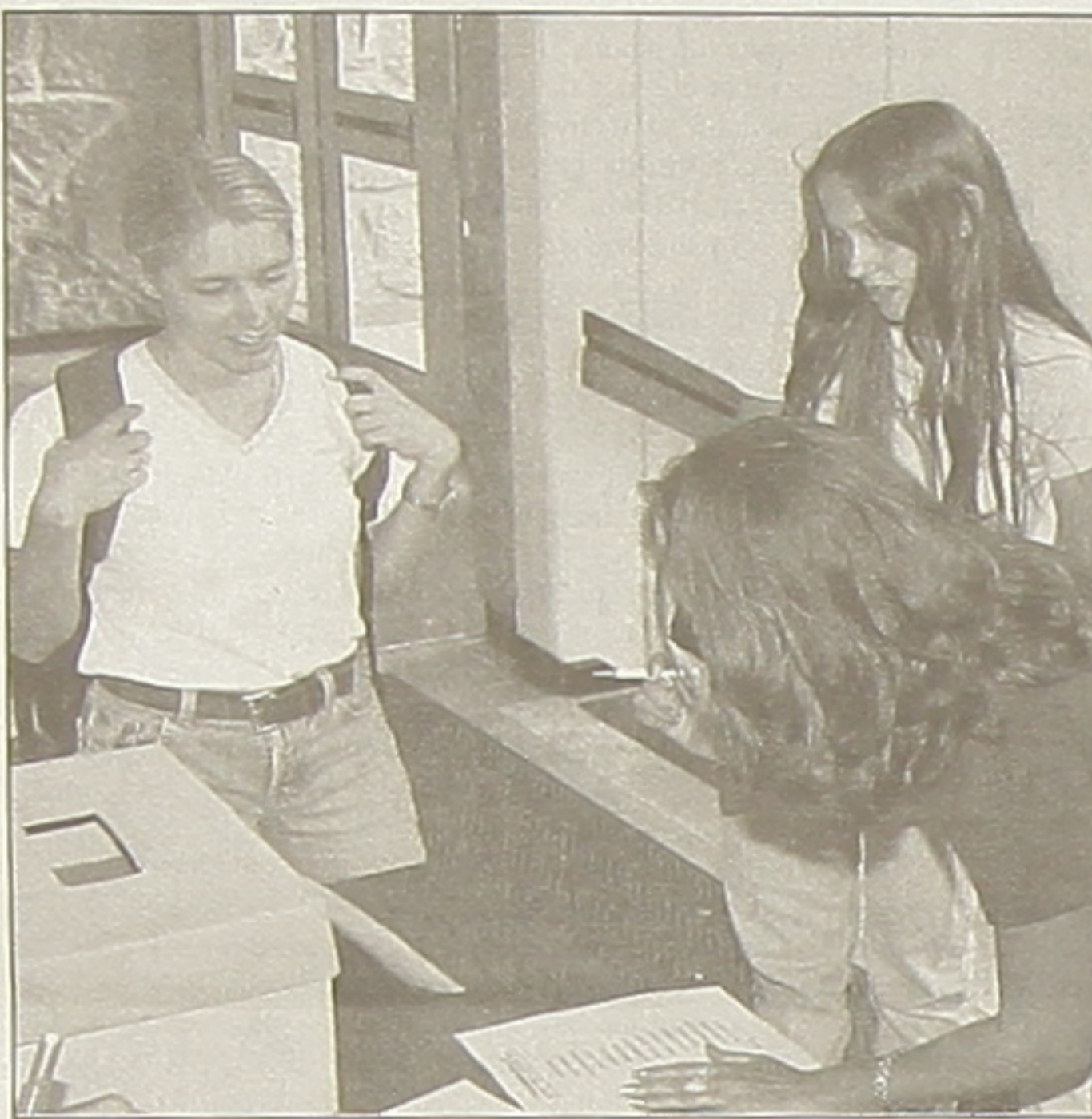
"I have to say this is probably one of the best classes I've had because out of 30 students there were probably 10 that I think would just really stand on their own," he said.

In grant writing, the idea is to get these students to thinking and then go ahead and start writing grants," Gubera said. "And so in class I stress all the areas we need to cover — the demographics, the history, the local history and how it relates to whatever the project is, and the technical aspects of the project."

He said this type of work shows what real education should be.

"I think this is really what writing intensive is all about," Gubera said. "I don't know of, at least in our department, any writing intensive courses having this kind of an outcome. And it's a pretty impressive outcome." □

CASTING VOTES



RUSS HAGERMAN/The Chart

Brittany Whitworth, freshman dental hygiene major, Angela Reynolds, freshman graphic design major, and Sarah Cunningham, freshman undeclared major, vote during the Student Senate elections, which took place Tuesday and Wednesday. Election results will be posted Friday in Billingsly Student Center.

LAUNCH: Job network under way

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referral for them now than it has in the past.

"The other really exciting thing that we're using the Southern Job Network for is that it will also be a vehicle that students will use to sign-up for on-campus interviews."

Once a person registers on the Network it will also show them which interviews they qualify for.

Yazell said some colleges and universities have been using this type of technology for years.

"We could have purchased a program like this several years ago but we wanted to research it carefully," she said. "We're just really excited and hope that it goes well the first year we have it open." □

CONSTRUCTION: Campus Security to have new office

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going to improve."

Beeler said security was cramped for space in their current office. The new office will have a large service counter, a squad room with lockers for officers to assemble and train, and a break room.

Fred G. Hughes Stadium received a facelift in time for the facility's 25th anniversary.

"We stood there one day and turned and we could see the new gym with the white columns and you spin around and see the bare concrete on the stadium and we thought, 'Wouldn't that look nice if it was painted,'" Beeler said.

Tiede said the College was trying to find donations

to help build a new baseball stadium on campus.

"We have been working with [head coach] Warren Turner on some conceptual drawings," Beeler said.

There are also five remodeling projects in various states of completion in Webster Hall. Beeler said construction on the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center and the Ummel Technology Center are nearing completion.

The remodeling in Ummel was supposed to be completed over the summer. Beeler said the contractor barely missed its goal.

"It was a very ambitious project, to say the least, to try to do that much work in 12 weeks." □

SKUNKS: Make their presence known around campus

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"They are really pretty adaptable animals," he said. "They do okay in semi-urban areas."

Dan Pekarek, director of the Joplin Health Department, said every year animal control receives skunk complaints all over the city.

"I don't know if we have had more

calls this year," he said.

Pekarek said campus construction may be disturbing the skunks' dens. Also, the insect population may have increased, thanks to mild winters and rain early in the summer.

"Right now there is a good popu-

lation of insects," Messick said.

He said skunks are not a significant health hazard.

"I see skunks right outside of Reynolds Hall early in the morning," he said.

"I actually kinda like seeing them." □

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Spikers are here for three

Six veterans headline
Lady Lion roster

By KRISTY HAMBY
Staff Writer

The Lady Lions volleyball team spent the holiday weekend in Florida.

However, it was not all fun, but hard work as Missouri Southern competed in tournament action.

All teams played four different teams. The Lady Lions played four teams and won two out of two matches. A match consisted of the best three out of five games.

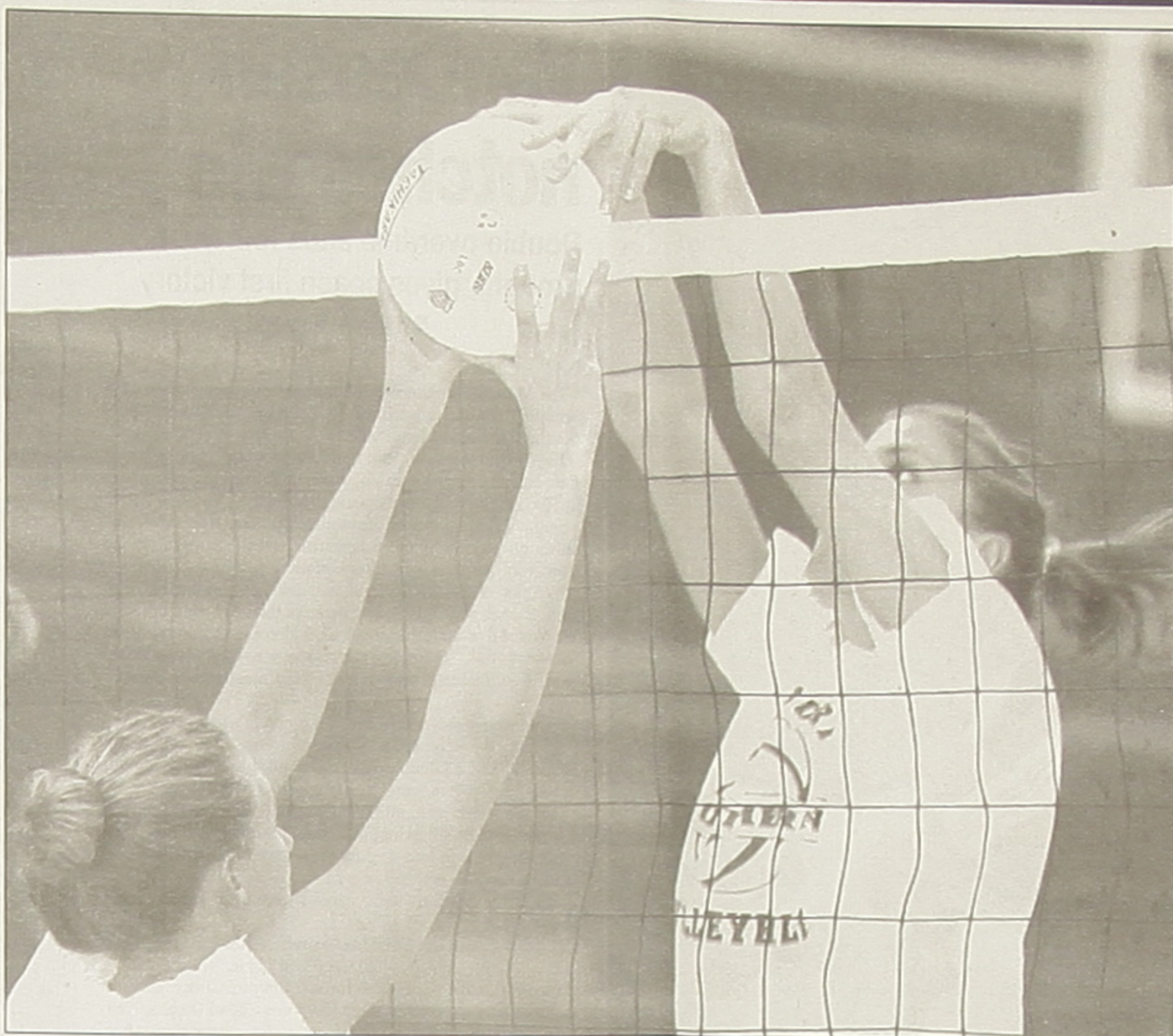
The Lady Lions defeated Gardner-Webb University, 3-0, and Charleston, 3-0, but lost to Puerto Rico 1-3, and Florida Southern 0-3. Florida Southern is ranked 15th in the nation, and swept all teams 4-0.

Debbie Traywick, head coach, said the Lady Lions had a tough preseason and the Florida tournament prepared the team for conference and regional play.

"The expectations of our team this year is to compete for the conference championship and gain a regional berth," Traywick said.

This week, the team remains at home to entertain three teams. Henderson State from Arkansas was set to visit last night; Missouri Western from St. Joseph arrives at 7 tonight; and Northwest Missouri from St. Mary's plays at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Henderson State is in Southern's region, and the other teams are in



Junior middle hitter Brianna Abel (left) attempts to block a kill by sophomore Rachel Miller (right) during practice on Tuesday. The Lady Lions were 3-5 heading into Thursday's contest against Henderson State. The team will face Missouri Western at 7 tonight in Young Gymnasium.

the conference. Polls picked Northwest to finish sixth in the conference. The Lady Lions were picked to finish seventh in the conference. The predictions are based on the teams' previous season performance.

"All three of the teams this week are tough and very competitive," Traywick said. "This should be a good week to get the season under way."

At this point, there are no star players.

"It is too early to mention star players," Traywick said.

There are eight starters in juniors Amber Collins, Meredith Hyde, and Heather Olson; sophomores Katie Moore, Crissy Schulz, and Rachel Miller; and freshmen

Angie Shockley and Shannon Rocke.

After a brief reprieve following the weekend, the Lady Lions meet Pittsburg State University at 7 p.m. Wednesday on Southern's home court. □

MIAA NEWS BRIEFS

Walker rushes into record
books aiding Gorillas' win

Starting sophomore quarterback Lateef Walker, of Pittsburg State University (PSU), had a record-breaking debut to kick off the 1999 football season for the Gorillas. Walker broke the PSU record for single-game rushing yards by a quarterback. Running for 195 yards and recording two touchdowns on the day, Walker broke Gene Stegeman's 159-yard record set in 1986 against the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Along with breaking the record, Walker earned the honors for MIAA Offensive Player of the Week. North Alabama, who played host to the Gorillas, fell behind early in the first quarter after a six-yard rush by Walker to give PSU a 7-0 lead. With 50 seconds left in the first quarter, T.D. Jones of North Alabama ran a one-yard rush to tie the score 7-7.

Early in the second quarter, Walker struck again for a 95 yard rushing touchdown for his second on the day, putting his team back on top 14-7, going into the intermission. The third quarter showed Jesse Owen run for an eight yard rushing touchdown which gave the Gorillas a 21-7 lead. North Alabama responded with a four yard rush by Tyler Peterson that cut the Gorilla lead in half.

Taking the field for the last quarter, North Alabama evened the game 21-21 with Peterson passing to James Moore for a 36-yard touchdown. The deciding factor of the game came early in the fourth quarter, where Walker passed for 91 yards to Michael Brown. From there, the Gorillas held off North Alabama 28-21. □

Northwest Missouri State
upset by Nebraska-Omaha

After a 31-14 victory over Arkansas Tech, the Wildcats of Northwest Missouri State began the season 1-0, being ranked first in Division II football. After traveling to Nebraska-Omaha on Saturday, the Wildcats saw their reign come to an end with a 17-40 loss. Playing a close first quarter, the score was tied 7-7. However, Nebraska-Omaha outscored Northwest 17-0 in the second quarter and ran away with the upset. Northwest will next be in action on Saturday, Sept. 18, where they will be paying a visit to Pittsburg State University. □

Clements leads Emporia
victory over Fort Hays State

Traveling to Fort Hays State last Saturday, Emporia State got off to a good start on their 1999 football campaign. Emporia drew first blood early in the first quarter when Joe Jacobs completed a 30-yard pass to Jeb Clements for a touchdown. With the extra point tacked on by Rob Contreras, the score was quickly 7-0.

With 31 seconds left in the first half, Fort Hays State set up a drive of their own and tied the score 7-7.

Again in the third quarter, it was Clements receiving a 21-yard pass from Jacobs, which gave Emporia the lead once again, 14-7.

It wasn't enough though. Emporia got the ball back quickly and Jacobs passed for another touchdown, this time to Lester McCoy for 37 yards, giving Emporia a 21-7 lead. Bringing the third quarter to end, Jacobs went deep one more time to McCoy for a 24-yard touchdown that gave Emporia a 28-7 lead. They held on to win 31-14. Emporia will next see action tomorrow in their home opener against Central Oklahoma. □

Miners' opening effort
against Quincy falls short

The University of Missouri-Rolla began its 1999 football season with a 23-16 loss to Quincy, who moved to 1-1 on the season. In a low-scoring first half, John Driesbach received a 10-yard pass from Chris Dewitt to give Quincy a 7-0 lead. Just before half, Mike Diak of Quincy booted a 38-yard field goal to give his team a 10-0 lead at the half. Dewitt came out strong early in the third quarter, completing a 32-yard touchdown pass to Jamie Sullivan. With about three minutes left in the game, Matt Buckner put the Miners within two after a one-yard run for a touchdown. The two-point conversion was once again successful and the game was tied 16-16. However, with 1:27 left in regulation, Dewitt completed a 54-yard pass to Sullivan as Quincy survived a scare and managed to win, 23-16. □

Miklovic starts season off with big bang

Runners face challenging
Kansas course tomorrow

By VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

It was the dawning of a new season in women's cross country with the sound of the gun on Saturday morning.

Patty Vavra, head women's cross country coach, was pleased for the most part with her squad's effort in the Bob Laptad Invitational at Southern. Southwest Baptist University also competed in the small race.

Vavra said this was a two-mile race and was basically more of a time trial to see what kind of shape the runners are in.

"At this point we really start training to get more intense in the workouts," Vavra said. "This progressively increases as the season goes along."

Margaret Miklovic finished first place in the race with a time of 11:53.

Vavra said Miklovic, who is now in her second year of running for Southern, is generally the top returning runner from last year.

"She was No. 3 last year," Vavra said. "Our No. 1 and No. 2 graduated. She (Miklovic) had a great summer and looks to have a great upcoming season."

"It was pretty neat, pretty exciting," Miklovic said. "I didn't know how the race would turn out."

Ashleigh Wendleton finished second with a time of 12:01.

"She is a freshman from Lee's Summit North," Vavra said. "I really think she is going to be great before all is said and done."

Southern's Chasity Hank finished fourth with a time of 12:17. Vavra says she is the second-leading returner from last year.

Sixth place went to Emily Petty who ran a time of 12:29. Vavra was pleased with how both Hank and Petty performed.

"Chasity and Emily both improved their time 30 seconds this year over last year's course", she said.

"And that's attributed to a lot of hard work put in over the summer."

Angela Hyde finished seventh in the race with a time of 12:42. Vavra says Hyde is fairly new to dis-



Margaret Miklovic made big strides to place first on her home course.

tance running and she was glad to see a good time from her. Vavra is impressed and believes she can get even better in distance.

The Lady Lions cross country team will next be in action tomorrow at the University of Kansas. Vavra believes this will be an intense meet with many competitive runners.

She said she will be taking a limited squad.

"The Kansas University course is very demanding and challenging," she said. "Not only is it demanding, but the competition is outstanding. Without a doubt, they'll be pushed to the limit for competition."

One of her biggest concerns is having the team stay more together as a group during the race and taking even more time off.

This is one of the main things the Lady Lions are working on in preparation for tomorrow's race.

"It's a pretty hilly course," Miklovic said.

"We have done a lot more practices with hills and I think that will help us a whole lot more." □

Wells gives guidance, young Lions follow

By VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

As head coach Tom Rutledge had expected, the men's cross country team started the season strong on Saturday in the Bob Laptad Invitational at Missouri Southern.

With only Southern and Southwest Baptist University competing in the 5,000 meter run, the Lions just missed a perfect score. The top four runners coming in for Southern were Larry Boswell, with a time of 16:02; Chris Morris, 16:25; Jake Wells, 16:41; and David Owens, 16:44.

"We had a good meet," Rutledge said. "I was very pleased. It was a good effort."

Rutledge said the majority of runners he had competing were freshmen. He said a consistent performance by Wells was one of the deciding factors. While Boswell's performance has surprised Rutledge, he says it has to do with a strong summer of training. More miles is what Rutledge prescribes for the team to continue to do well.

"We just have to work harder," Rutledge said. "That's the key. But overall, as hot as it was, I was very pleased."

"Saturday went really well," Wells said. "We do this every year. It's just kind of a time trial to see where everyone is."

Wells pointed out that they are working well as a team.

"I was kind of bringing in the second group of Brian Lyons and David Owens," he said. "Everyone ran well. It's a good way for coach [Rutledge] to judge and see where we are as a team and individually also."

Wells says the practices are aggressive. One of the main concerns now is preparing the team for running up hills. He also says they are keeping up the mileage, running anywhere from 90-95 miles a week.

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Senior Cross Country Lion

Wells noted that another concern is preparing the freshmen for a big race like at the University of Kansas, where the Lions will be competing tomorrow.

"We have a pretty young team," he said. "It's hard to prep up the guys who haven't seen us older guys. We have to pass on the knowledge to the younger guys."

Rutledge is not sure if the whole team will be going to this race. His concern is the freshmen. He says it's always important to watch their training. Their legs could be tired and he will just want to rest them if that is the case.

He wants everyone to stay sharp for the Southern Stampede, which will be held later this season at Southern.

"Our goal is to do well at conference, and better at regionals, and best at nationals," he said.

This week has mainly dealt with tough practices in preparation for tomorrow's race at Kansas, which has many challenging hills.

"This race kind of sets pace for the whole year," Wells said. "If we do well, we can get the momentum for the whole season. Everybody is really excited about the season."

This is by far the best recruiting class we have ever had. "They're young but they work hard. I think we have a good shot at regionals and nationals." □



Midfielder Jeremy Brown battles against a Northeastern State opponent early in the Lions' 4-3 double-overtime victory. Southern plays hosts to William Jewell at 7 tonight at Hal Bodon Field.

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VanDeusen notches win

Double-overtime ends four-year drought, gives coach first victory

By GARY SHELBY
Staff Writer

The Missouri Southern men's soccer team opened their 1999 season last Saturday with a 4-1 defeat at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville.

The Lions took a 1-0 lead into halftime. USI answered with four second-half goals within a span of 20 minutes, extinguishing the Lions' push for an opening road win.

Senior Midfielder Josh Yarnell of Wichita, Kan., said that although the USI game was in the past, he, as well as the team, was not pleased by their performance.

"We played well the first half, and didn't play well the second half," Yarnell said. "Of course, we have things to work on."

If Yarnell wasn't satisfied with the Lions' showing on Saturday, then Thursday's match against new-found rival Northeastern State University (Okla.) must have delighted him.

Southern not only vindicated the program's first-ever loss to USI, but gave head coach Geoff VanDeusen his first win at Southern. The 4-3 double-overtime slugfest was the Lions' first victory over NSU in more than four years.

The two teams went into halftime tied at zero, but came out in the second half swinging, almost literally at times. Two motivated teams and one intense game made for heated moments and several yellow cards.

"It was the hardest-fought game I have ever been in," VanDeusen said.

The first goal of the game was scored by NSU, the result of a Lion defensive miscue. Unlike the USI game, being behind a goal didn't sink Southern. Junior forward Corey Riley of Jefferson City and senior midfielder Tony Zito of Omaha, Neb., scored critical goals, and both had festive celebrations afterwards.

Sophomore forward Marcio Campos of Terenzina, Brazil, scored what appeared to be the game-winning goal with 45 seconds left in regulation, only to have his heroics dashed by a game-tying Redmen goal less than 10 seconds later.

Both teams missed game-winning opportunities in the first overtime period, and with two minutes remaining in the second overtime, Campos lined up for a penalty kick. This time his heroics would not be denied as he shot the game-ending goal into the net, to the delight of raucous Southern fans.

For senior goalkeeper Ben Butler of Omaha, Neb., it was sweet redemption. "This game was really special," Butler said. "We gave 100 percent for 120 minutes, and you can't ask for anything more than that."

Friday, the William Jewell College Cardinals come to Hal Bodon Field for a 7 p.m. match against Southern. □

Lady Lions still lack win

By GARY SHELBY
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In their second game of existence, the Lady Lions fell 3-0 to East Central University (ECU), Okla., despite an improved offensive effort that produced several scoring opportunities.

Three Southern shots were clanged off the goal posts, while a total of six shots on goal were taken. Against Central Missouri, the Lady Lions managed just one shot the entire game.

"We're playing more as a team, and the offensive opportunities are going to open up for us," said head coach Geoff VanDeusen. "They (ECU) are a third-year program and had more experience."

VanDeusen complimented his young team's character and intense play. He said he was again pleased that everything was left on the field.

Freshman goalkeeper Jennifer Carter of Catoosa, Okla., kept Southern in the game by stopping three Lady Tiger shots on goal.

On Thursday, the Northeastern State University (NSU) Lady Reds marched onto Hal Bodon Field and handed the Lady Lions their third consecutive defeat, 5-0.

Lack of depth has been a reoccurring issue for Southern this season.

Freshman defender Leslie Franklin of Waynesville, Mo., was one of many Lady Lions who played nearly all of Thursday's game.

"It's frustrating not having substitutes," Franklin said. "Not having subs means we get tired."

NSU brought truth to Franklin's theory. The Lady Reds substituted three and up to five players at a time, and 22 of the 25 players saw action, compared to 15 of the 17 Lady Lions.

Fatigue and three games of minimal substitution was apparent in the second half as

three of the game's five goals were scored. The charisma that has defined the scrappy group of Lady Lions this season was absent. □

Offense must challenge tough Northeastern defense early

It has been almost two weeks now since the Lions played their first football game of the year. Having transportation problems, I regret not being able to make it down to Monticello for the game. However, I was able to listen to most of the game on the radio.

The announcers seemed impressed with the number of fans Missouri Southern brought to the game. It proved crucial in the end as the Lions managed to escape with their first win. I heard almost all of the first half, which sounded pretty dismal, to say the least. Offensively we just could not move the ball at all. I wondered if we were ever going to get anything

going. Then once we jumped out in front, I thought there was no way a team with the second-longest losing streak in the nation could regroup.

But they proved me wrong. It was stunning to find Arkansas-Monticello with the lead 14-7 at the half. After listening to the halftime show and hearing about all the recruiting the new Monticello coach had done, I began to realize this team was by no means any pushover.

Defensively, I was not worried about the Lions at all. I remember hearing Coach Gregory say how we were ready defensively and how really there had not been much talk about the offensive strategy. This worried me. Even if

Arkansas-Monticello was good, a loss to a team with a losing streak like that would be devastating to anyone. I wondered the whole 20-minute break how the offense would react to what took place the first half, and was beginning to have my doubts.

Once again, I was proven wrong, but this time it was good that I had been proven wrong. After all was said and done, we had a dominating second half and cleaned house. I was pleased with our effort, and now it's time to prepare for the next task. The Lions have had plenty of time to prepare for their next game and their home opener against a tough Northeastern State University, who recorded a big win over Texas A&M Kingsville on Saturday.

It is going to be more than important that the Lions offense is prepared from the start of the game. This Northeastern State team will be bringing in an

unstoppable defense that did not let A&M Kingsville score any touchdowns or field goals in their 9-2 victory. The Lions were shut out in last year's contest against Northeastern State.

However, we have matured quite a bit from last year. In my opinion, the difference in this game is going to be whoever can hold on to the ball.

With plenty of fan support, we can win this game and be right in the thick of things and contend with some of the top teams. This is going to be one of the most exciting home openers in a long time as the Lions come in with a 1-0 start and play an extremely talented team.

I expect some great football and hope we can continue the run and get win No. 2. I ask all the fans to come out and support the Lions and cheer them on to victory. □



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Lions, Redmen enter Saturday's contest 1-0

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Saturday marks the 25th anniversary of Fred G. Hughes Stadium as home of the Missouri Southern Lions.

At 7 p.m., the Lions kick off the home portion of the 1999 season against the Northeastern State University (NSU) Redmen from Tahlequah, Okla. NSU enters the contest fresh from a 9-2 victory over the No. 2-ranked Texas A & M University of Kingsville Javelinas.

"I think the strength of our football team is our defense," said NSU head coach Tom Eckert. "We returned almost everyone on the defensive side of the football."

The Redmen limited the Javelinas to 68 total yards offense, and only four first downs for the game. Two of those first downs came in the last 1:45 of the game. Texas A & M at Kingsville suffered only its second loss in six seasons in the Lone Star Conference.

"I think their secondary is excellent, and I think they have excellent speed and tackling ability," said Lions head coach Greg Gregory. "They have good linebackers and I think they really have a big-time playmaker up front in No. 9, Rod Kelly. Overall, I think they have good talent on defense."

During the game, the Redmen lost the services of first team all-conference running back Carlton

Booe, and starting quarterback Trent Pitt. However, both are expected to play Saturday.

"Carlton had a shoulder injury that kept him out of the game," Eckert said. "I do expect both Trent and Carlton to be ready for Southern."

In Saturday's Sept. 4 game, the Javelinas' starting quarterback Terrance Bennett did not play after being ruled academically ineligible. Bennett led the team in rushing in 1998 with 85 yards a game, and was a first-team Lone Star Conference selection.

"We're hoping we can challenge NSU in some ways that maybe Kingsville didn't challenge them," Gregory said. "Our option game should pose a little bit of a different challenge. Basically, all Kingsville had going into the game was a power attack. They were limited because of the new quarterback. They had lost their starter the day before. There was no option game or passing game."

"We're hoping to be three dimensional. We are hoping to run power football at them, option football, and we are hoping to throw the football."

The Lions should be close to full-strength entering the game. Both freshman Josh Brooks and sophomore Dustin Perkins have returned to practice after suffering injuries in Southern's opening victory against the University of Arkansas-Monticello. Lions' starting running back Antonio Whitney, sophomore, suffered a slight ankle sprain and probably will be held out

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Head Football Coach

of practice the rest of the week. However, Gregory said Whitney should be ready for action come Saturday.

"It will be a heck of a game," Gregory said. "I think it is a great opportunity for us. I think this will be a great test."

"I think basically, NSU would match up to about anybody in our conference, especially on the defensive side of the ball. We feel like we're a pretty good defensive football team too. It will be a challenge to see our defense vs. their defense and our offense vs. their offense and see what happens."

"We have a good football team and we have some good offensive personnel that we will try to get the right match-ups and do some things with. I think the kicking game will be a major factor in the game." □



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Halfback Shawn Williams works against linebacker Jon Ludtke. Coach Greg Gregory kept the Lions out of pads during practice last week.